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CENSORSHIP CASE VERDICT.

IMPRISONMENT SENTENCES WITHOUT OPTION.

COL. EAVES REMARKS ON SUBLIME INDIFFERENCE.

LEAVE TO APPEAL GRANTED

Judgment was delivered at the Central Magistracy this morning, in the case in which the editor, publisher and printers of the Chinese newspaper, *Shun po*, were summoned by the S.C.A. for publishing anti-Japanese boycott articles without submitting them to censorship.

For ignoring the censorship regulations, fines of \$25 each were imposed.

For advocating a boycott of Japanese goods, the printers (each individual partner) was fined, \$250 and the publisher \$500.

In addition, all the printers and the publisher were sentenced to one month's imprisonment without the option, though Lt. Col. F. Eaves added a rider to the effect that if within seven days, an expression of regret appeared in the paper for two consecutive issues, he would suggest the remission of the sentence at the end of seven days to the proper quarter.

The Magistrate remarked that the facts disclosed on the censorship point he regarded as a mere indiscretion on the part of one, who, while expressing respect for the Censorship, in practice habitually treated it with sublime indifference. The boycott cases he regarded in a much more serious light.

Mr. M. K. Lo, for the defendants, asked for leave to appeal. He also mentioned that the Court could not compel him to disclose the names of the different partners.

Leave to appeal was granted, and bail of \$1,000 was granted in the case of the publisher, while Mr. Lo's client was released on bail of \$500 pending the result of the appeal.

DEFENDANTS ON BAIL PENDING APPEAL

In delivering his decision, his that at the date of the alleged offence, "In these eight cases there were (and taken together by consent) ultra vires on two occasions of the Secretariat for grounds."—Firstly, that May 9 and 10 were not occasions of emergency or public danger, and the Chinese Affairs charges the *Hongkong Morning Post* respectively. (in secondly, that the Regulations, four cases which I will refer to contravene the Royal instructions hereafter as the "censorship cases") to the Governor. On the first with printing and publishing on the point, he referred me to the preamble to Ordinance No. 5 of 1922, "An Ordinance to confer on the Governor-in-Council power to make Regulations on occasions of emergency or public danger" and to Section 2 (1) of the same Ordinance "on any occasion which the Governor-in-Council may consider to be an occasion of emergency or public danger, he may make any regulations whatsoever which he may consider desirable in the public interest," and argued to the effect that Regulations made on an occasion of actual emergency or public danger ceased to have any force in law when such emergency or public danger ceased.

Prevention Better Than Cure.

For two reasons, I cannot accept this view. Considering the possible danger to the public of one single publication of (say), sedition, matter, for the purpose of preventing publication an occasion of "public danger" may be said to exist continuously from day to day, and prevention is obviously better than cure. Further, it is specially provided by sub-section 2 (3) of Ordinance No. 5 of 1922, that any Regulation made under the provisions of Sec. 2 of the Ordinance shall continue in force until repealed by order of the Governor-in-Council which appears to me to be a conclusive answer to Mr. Lo's first ground of submission.

On the second point, Mr. Lo referred me to the Royal Instructions dated July 7, 1896, para 22 in Volume 3 of the "Laws of Hongkong," published in 1913. These Instructions, I find, were revoked by further Royal Instructions dated February 14, 1917, published in the *Hongkong Government Gazette* of April 20, 1917, which, however, contained a similar instruction numbered 26. This Instruction reads "The Governor shall not, assent in our name to (and then by para, 9)—Any Bill whereby person not of European birth or descent may be subjected or made liable to any disabilities or restrictions to which persons of European birth or descent are not also subjected or made liable"—except in certain cases of emergency thereafter set out.

The Defence.

The learned solicitor for the defendants, Mr. M. K. Lo, submitted as a first defence to all the charges

ITALIA DISTRESS SUSPENSE.

NOBILE SEES PLANE NEAR AT HAND.

BUT RESCUING AIRMEN MISS THE RED TENT.

COURAGEOUS EFFORTS.

Rome, June 19. Twenty-five days have now elapsed since the airship "Italia" was wrecked in the Arctic, and as yet nothing can be done to relieve the distressed crew from their desperate plight.

Further unsuccessful efforts were made by airmen to locate General Nobile's party yesterday, though it is reported from the basecamp "Città di Milano" that a wireless message from General Nobile shows that the plane was actually sighted by the distressed explorers.

Set Out Again.

Captain Rieser Larsen and Lieutenant Holm who were told that they had been seen directly returned from their flight, resolved to set out again in one machine.

They failed again, however, to spot General Nobile's red tent in the ice-fields.

Major Maddalena, the Italian airmen, who only arrived at King's Bay last night in the seaplane "Savoia" from Italy, departed early this morning in search of General Nobile, with a load of provisions.

Six Hours in the Area.

He reconnoitred the area in which the Nobile party is known to be for over six hours without sighting the red tent, and was forced to return to King's Bay reporting his non-success.

Fresh hope is occasioned by the fact that the planes are equipped with wireless and a message has been transmitted to General Nobile directing him that the next time he sights one of the planes, he should use his wireless apparatus to guide his course.—Reuter.

Amundsen's Silence.

Oslo, June 19. The big French Latham seaplane, piloted by Commandant Guillaud, and with Captain Roald Amundsen aboard, left Spitzbergen yesterday evening for Spitzbergen to participate in the search of the Italia fliers has not arrived, and there has been no news of the machine since her departure.

At the moment no anxiety is felt as it is thought probable that Amundsen decided to head direct for the spot where the stranded explorers are believed to be. Reuter.

Within a Mile.

The Città di Milano reports that two Norwegian airmen again flew over General Nobile's position without sighting him. General Nobile has wirelessed that one of the machines came within two kilometres of him.—Reuter.

Amundsen Rumours.

Oslo, June 20. Many rumours are in circulation in regard to the whereabouts of Commandant Guillaud and Captain Amundsen, of whom news is still entirely lacking.

Experts believe that they have proceeded directly northward to North Land in search of Nobile, and have given Spitzbergen a miss.

It is feared, however, that if they have landed on the ice-floes they may find it extremely difficult to take off again.—Reuter.

AMERICAN PACT WITH AUSTRIA.

MOST-FAVoured-NATION TREATMENT.

Vienna, June 19. The Treaty of Amity and Trade between Austria and America has been signed. It is based on most-favoured-nation treatment and contains detailed stipulations regarding the legal status of the respective nationals.—Reuter.

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ATLANTIC FLIERS LIONISED.

MEMORABLE RECEPTION OF MISS EARHEART.

CREDITS MR. STULTZ.

London, June 19. Southampton accorded Miss Earhart, and her companions, Stultz and Gordon, a reception which will never be forgotten.

Only with the greatest difficulty did the Police keep the huge crowd in check. The enthusiastic crowd, which included a host of Americans threatened in their excitement to mob the fliers.

Interviewed by Reuter, Miss Earhart declared that the success of Ducat (208), Bates (200) and Ernest Tyldesley (160 not out). Tyldesley made his contribution to England's score v. The Rest in the Test Trial at Lord's, and this was the most disappointing match since the Rest had no opportunity of concluding their first innings.

Surrey made 506 against Essex and won by an innings with 149 to spare, while Yorkshire and Derbyshire also gained innings victories.

One of the most important matches of the campaign, Notts v. Lancashire, ended with victory for Lancashire on the first innings.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

Test Trial. Drawn. Gloucester defeated Cambridge U. by six wickets.

Surrey defeated Essex by an innings and 149 runs.

Derbyshire defeated Northants by an innings and 50 runs.

Yorkshire beat Leicester by an innings and 28 runs.

Warwick won on the first

innings v. Worcester.

Lancashire won on the first

innings v. Notts.

The Minor Counties defeated the West Indies by 42.

Sussex won on the first

v. Hampshire.

HONOURS LIST.

The principal individual performances were as follows:

Batting.

Ducat (Surrey) 208

Bates (Warwick) 200

Tyldesley E. (England) 160*

Lockett (Minor Counties) 154

Shepherd (Surrey) 145*

Fox (Worcester) 116

G. R. Jackson (Derby) 106

Whynall (Notts) 102

Oldroyd (Yorkshire) 101

Mukopacan (Lancashire) 101

D. R. Jardine (The Rest) 74*

* Not Out.

Bowling.

Hazeiton (Minor Cities) 6 for 45

Rev. Browne (Sussex) 6 for 50

Rhodes (Yorkshire) 6 for 55

..... 4 for 32

Griffiths (W. Indies) 5 for 18

ONLY SLIGHT INJURIES.

In an effort to set free a butterfly which had alighted inside a window on the top storey of his quarters at the Central Police Station this morning, Mr. P. J. Wodehouse, C. I. E., Deputy Superintendent of Police, had a narrow escape from serious injury when he fell from a height of two storeys. Luckily, his injuries were only slight in character.

Mr. Wodehouse's quarters are in a three-storey building, and at the present time some reconstruction work is in progress there, including the removal of the verandah on the top floor.

Seeing a butterfly inside one of the windows on the top floor this morning, Mr. Wodehouse endeavoured to get to it in order to release it. To do this, he had to stride across a plank for about a distance of six feet, and, in making the attempt, he somehow missed his footing and fell. He dropped down two storeys on to the bottom floor, but by a miracle he did not even fracture a bone, his injuries comprising a few bruises and abrasions.

Mr. Wodehouse's many friends will learn with relief of his fortunate escape from serious hurt.

HEAVY CUT IN COTTON WORK MOOTED.

FEDERATION SUGGESTS 90 PER CENT. VERDICT.

London, June 19.

The Federation of Master Cotton Spinners has recommended the American Yarns Spinning section to revert to organised short-time working hours and to curtail the production by 50 per cent. A ballot will be taken immediately.

The Federation ask for a vote of the owners of at least 90 per cent instead of the usual 80 per cent of spindles in favour of the recommendation before the scheme is approved. The new policy, if approved, will begin on July 2.—Reuter.

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BRIGHT SPOTS IN TEST TRIAL.

TYLDESLEY SUPREME IN RUINED GAME.

DUCAT MAKES FOURTH 100 IN SUCCESSION.

COUNTY SURPRISES.

Although rain again made its presence felt in different parts of the country, five of the county cricket matches concluded yesterday were brought to a really definite conclusion.

Several huge individual scores were compiled, notably those of Ducat (208), Bates (200) and Ernest Tyldesley (160 not out). Tyldesley made his contribution to England's score v. The Rest in the Test Trial at Lord's, and this was the most disappointing match since the Rest had no opportunity of concluding their first innings.

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FOOCHOW FARCE NOW OVER.

FIRST TEST TRIAL.

Ernest Tyldesley in Great Form.

The Test selectors were rather hampered in their task since play between England and the Rest of Lord's was considerably abbreviated by rain.</p

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The thirty-fourth ordinary general meeting of the Oriental Telephone and Electric Co., Ltd., was held on May 22 at the Abercorn Rooms, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate, London. Sir A. Henry McMahon, G.C.M.G., etc. (Chairman of the company), presiding.

After the Secretary, Mr. T. K. Brown, had read the notice convening the meeting and the auditors' report, the Chairman said:

The business continues to make steady and satisfactory progress, the balance of the year's revenue being £72,118, as against £68,282 for 1926.

The revenue account shows a gross increase in subscriptions, rentals, etc., at our own branches of nearly £13,000, while the working expenses and maintenance have increased by only £600, which may be considered very satisfactory.

Dealing with the Singapore branch, the Chairman observed: Singapore continues to add to the number of exchange lines in operation, and it has become necessary to make provision for further switchboard accommodation, as the remaining capacity will probably become exhausted within the next 18 months or two years, and new equipment takes a considerable time to manufacture and install. After very careful consideration, in which your directors have had the benefit of the experience and advice of our consulting engineers, Messrs. Cook and Partners, and also Mr. Pierrepont, managing director of Singapore, who has just been home on leave, it has been decided that it is in the best interests of the company to discard the existing manual equipment and to replace it by an entirely new automatic exchange. The reasons which have led us to this decision are briefly as follows:

Since the existing manual exchange was ordered in 1917 to replace the equipment destroyed by fire the year before, great advances have been made in the improvement and perfection of the automatic system, and its efficiency and reliability may now be thoroughly depended upon. It has been adopted by the British Post Office as standard for all exchanges above a certain size, and in Britain about 100 exchanges are already working in provincial towns, such as Brighton, Nottingham, Leeds, Coventry, Sheffield, etc., while, as you know, the conversion to automatic is proceeding in the London area as fast as circumstances permit. The Bombay Telephone Co. changed over to automatic working in May, 1924, and the Madras Co. in April, 1926, since which dates both exchanges have been operating in a most satisfactory manner.

Although the manual plant at Singapore is quite capable of giving a satisfactory service for some time yet, the manager reports increasing difficulty in obtaining a suitable type of operator, and this is one of the main reasons we have for replacing the existing plant.

Consequently, after carefully weighing all the pros and cons, our directors feel that, since the opportunity of making a change presents itself, it would be wise to take advantage of it, and a contract has been placed for the necessary automatic equipment. It is hoped to have the new exchange working early in 1930.

This decision, of course, involves making provision for writing off the remaining value of the existing equipment, which we propose to do over a period of three years commencing in 1927. This accounts for the greater part of the increase under the heading of "Depreciation and Renewals" shown in our revenue account. I may add that we are satisfied that the economies

MORPHIA TRAFFIC.**FOUR MEN ARRESTED AT RESTAURANT.**

Four Chinese, alleged to be morphia traffickers, were arrested at the Tai Chung Kwok Restaurant, on De Voeux Road West, on Monday afternoon as a result of a police trap. Recently the police received information of the activities of a party of Chinese morphia traders. A Chinese detective was detailed to locate them. He met a man named Wong Piu-ang, by him was introduced to Ng Ku-wing, the man alleged to be the owner of the drug.

After some negotiation a meeting was arranged and the detective, who pretended to be a prospective buyer, was to meet the party at the Tai Chung Kwok Restaurant.

Shortly before four o'clock, on the day of the arrest several Chinese detectives went to the place. Later the two alleged drug traffickers arrived with the "prospective buyer," and two other men. Conversations were exchanged on the subject of purchasing the drug and the detective produced and gave Ng three \$100 notes, two of which were forged. Unsuspecting, the man accepted the money and put it inside one of his stockings.

The culprits then produced a tin of morphine, about one pound, said to be worth \$300. After this the detective asked the culprits if they had more of the drug. Ng replying in the affirmative. While one of them was in the act of going out of the room to obtain more morphine, the other police officers, who were in the next room, suddenly appeared on the scene and effected their arrest. Ng was so frightened at the appearance of the police that he fainted.

An ambulance was called and the man was taken to the Government Hospital, while the other three men were taken to the Police Station.

which will be effected when the new automatic equipment is brought into use will justify our policy.

Hongkong.

With regard to the Hongkong Co., concluded the Chairman: I have only to add to what appears in our report, that we have been fortunate enough to secure the services, as our two nominated directors on the Board of that company, of Messrs. Weall and Mackie, of Dodwell and Co. and Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co. respectively, two of the most prominent members of the commercial community in the Colony. The work of reconstruction and extension of which I referred last year is still in progress, and although no final decision has yet been taken, it is probable that an automatic equipment will be adopted for the new Central Exchange there as well.

Before concluding, I must again pay tribute to the loyalty and efficiency of our staff both at home and abroad, and congratulate them as well as ourselves, on the addition of yet another year to their excellent record. Our cordial thanks are due to them (Applause.)

I will now prove "That the report of the directors, with the audited statement of accounts and balance sheet for the year ended December 31, 1927, be adopted."

Hon. E. Hubbard seconded, and the resolution, on being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously.

The remainder of the business comprised the unanimous re-election of Sir A. Henry McMahon and Mr. H. J. Grewing as directors, the reappointment of the auditors, and the passing, on the proposal of Mr. E. Ford, seconded by Col. Westrop, of a cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman and directors and the staff.

A BUSY DAY.**LONG LIST OF CASES AT KOWLOON.**

The Kowloon Magistrate (Mr. W. Schofield) had a particularly heavy day yesterday and as a result of the long list of cases down for hearing several had to be adjourned till a subsequent date, although both in the morning and in the afternoon, the Court sat until a rather late hour in an effort to finish.

The hearing of the charge of participation in the armed robbery committed on board the steam launch Wo Fat Shing on the evening of October 12, last year, was concluded yesterday when a former stoker of the launch was committed to take his trial at the Criminal Sessions.

Snatcher Caught.

Whilst watching a theatrical performance at a matshed in Shamshui Po yesterday a young Chinese woman was the victim of a snatching incident. A Chinese who was also a spectator suddenly made a grab at her finger ring but, failing to gain possession of this, he snatched an ear-ring from the woman. He was caught by others who were also interested in the performance.

When charged before his Worship the man was sentenced to six months' hard labour on the two charges and further ordered to receive 20 strokes of the birch.

Another almost similar incident occurred in Laichikok Road where a Chinese lad snatched a gold bangle from the wrist of a ten-month-old baby which was being carried by its mother. The bangle was given to another man, who ran away. Both were arrested and on being brought before the Magistrate the lad was sentenced to two months' hard labour while the receiver, who was a much older man, was sentenced to six months.

Empty Sacks.

Eighty-five empty cement sacks formed charges of larceny and of receiving stolen property against two Chinese who were charged before his Worship. A third man was accused of having aided and abetted the offences.

According to the evidence the first and second defendants were seen carrying the sacks at 5 a.m. on June 11 and when questioned said that they had been taken from a house under construction at Kowloon Tong. They had received their orders from the third defendant. The latter admitted giving the order and stated that the sacks belonged to him.

Where enquiries were made, at Kowloon Tong, however, it was found that the sacks were not taken from there but later, they were identified as having been stolen from the Po Hing Theatre site.

The case was adjourned till Saturday.

Theft on Ferry.

A farmer appeared before his worship to prosecute a Chinese who was charged with attempting to steal \$100, on board the Yaumati Ferry yesterday morning.

The complainant was boarding the ferry to proceed to Hongkong and during the congestion, the defendant put his hand into the complainant's breast pocket. It was immediately seized and the defendant was later handed over to a detective.

The case was adjourned.

Refusing to be Searched.

A charge of refusing to be searched was brought against a Chinese who was seen loitering in a dark corner near the Yaumati Police Station. When challenged by a constable the man took off his hat and was arrested outside the Station by another constable.

The defendant was remanded till Friday.

Stone Throwing.

A Chinese who was brought before his Worship was alleged to

PROVISIONAL COURT.**JUDGE LOO DISMISSED FOR POLITICAL ENDS.**

Another attempt is being made to corrupt the Provisional Court by turning it into political institution, says the N. C. D. News. The Klangau Provincial Government has dismissed Judge Loo Hsing-yuan as President of the Provisional Court and has appointed in his place Dr. Ho Shih-tsung, a graduate of Soochow University and the University of Michigan, who has not had judicial office before but has been the president of a private university in Shanghai. Dr. Ho was nominated by the chairman of the propaganda bureau of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, who is also a member of the Klangau Provincial Government.

Law Before Politics.

This is the second attempt to raid the Provisional Court. The first was made last summer when an effort was made to appoint Miss Soume Tchang to Judge Loo's position. Miss Tchang, however, was unable to take up the post because of popular opposition to changes affecting the non-political character of the Provisional Court. Judge Loo remained in his position because he refused to be turned out without due legal procedure as provided for in the Rendition Agreement.

The objections to Judge Loo arise from his refusal to permit politicians to use the court in their own interests. He has never received full support from Nanking, which has regarded the Provisional Court as an appendage to the machinery of the Kuomintang as a political part. Judge Loo, who is a highly qualified lawyer, has adhered to the law and to legal procedure and has declined to manage the court by secret agreements with politicians, with the result that he has had few friends in Nanking. These enemies of the Provisional Court have been insistent upon his dismissal, but they have not dared take steps after the terrific public denunciation of their last attempt to raid the Court. These men believe that this is a good opportunity, as the Powers have not formulated their policy towards the new Government and they might therefore disregard a breach of the Rendition Agreement.

Consular Body Objects.

It is understood that the Consular Body have already protested against the breach of the Rendition Agreement and that their protest will be upheld by their Government. The procedure to be followed, according to the Rendition Agreement, is for proper charges to be filed against Judge Loo and that he should be tried by judges of a higher court for misconduct in office. If misconduct cannot be proved, he cannot be removed.

The attitude of the foreigners is that they are not defending Judge Loo or any other individual, but that there is an agreement between the Consular Body of Shanghai and the Klangau Provincial Government with regard to the Provisional Court and that the old Mixed Court was abolished and the new Court established only on condition that this Agreement would be maintained. One of the principal tasks of the Consular Body is to keep politics out of the Court and the protests with regard to change of the Presidency arise because, in each case the change has had a political object.

have thrown a stone at two Indian constables who were patrolling Laichikok Road during a performance at the theatrical matshed yesterday.

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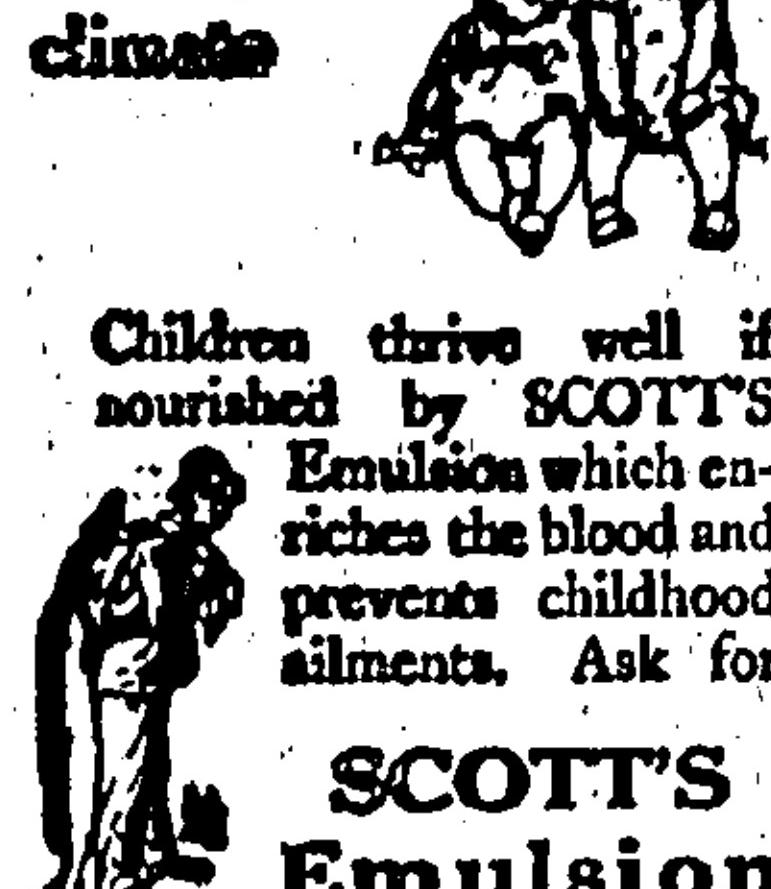
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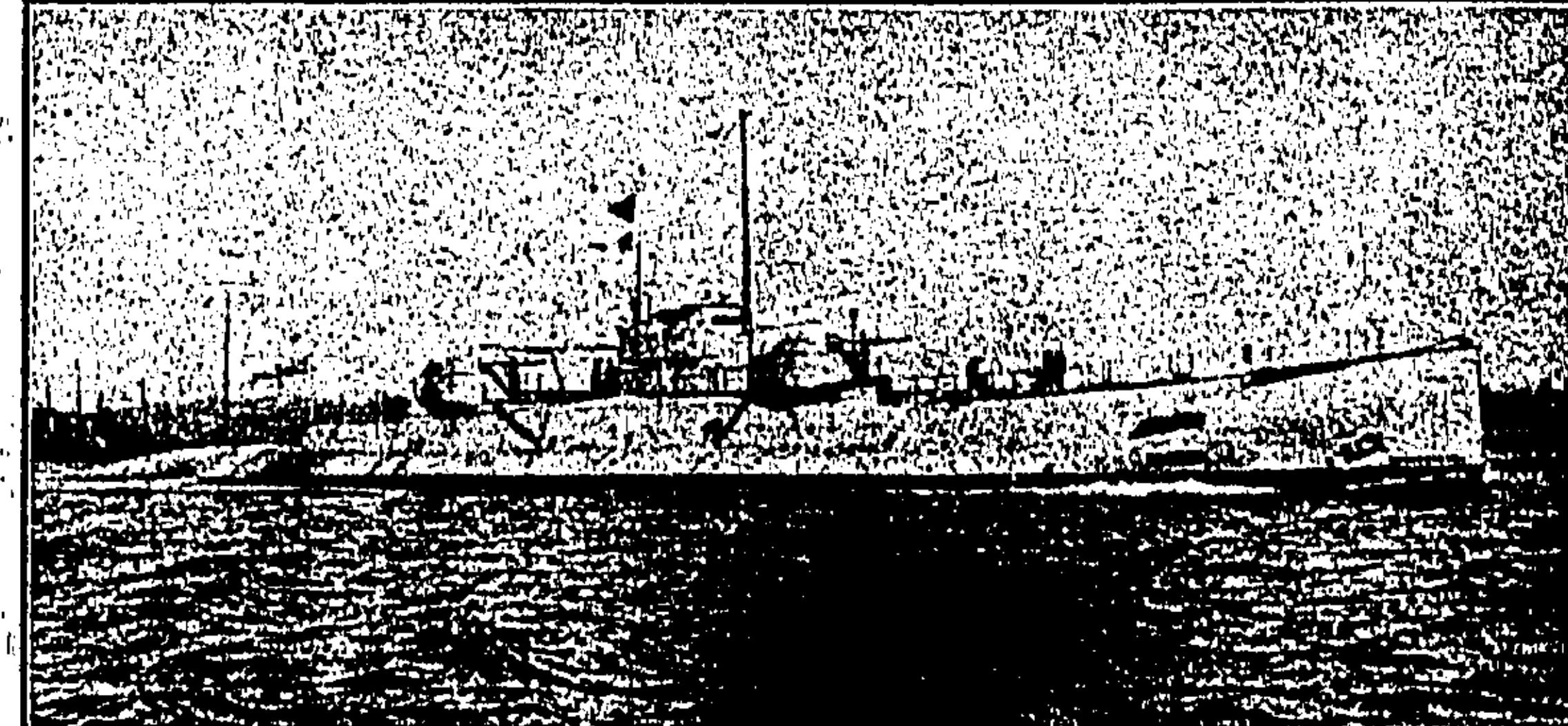
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A year after the start of the ill-fated flight of Nungesser and Coli in their "White Bird," this memorial was unveiled at Le Bourget Field, near Paris. It is dedicated to the French flyers and to Col. Charles Lindbergh.



America at present possesses the world's largest submarine, the V4, which is 350 tons heavier than the British X1, shown above, hitherto the largest under-sea vessel in the world.



The tragic ending of speed tests made by Lieut Thomas and V. J. Weatherley, aeronautical engineer, is pictured here. The two were flying in the monoplane Reliance, in which Lieutenant Thomas recently established a solo flying record, when the ship crashed on the Teterboro flying field, N. J. At the extreme right is shown the removal of Thomas' body.



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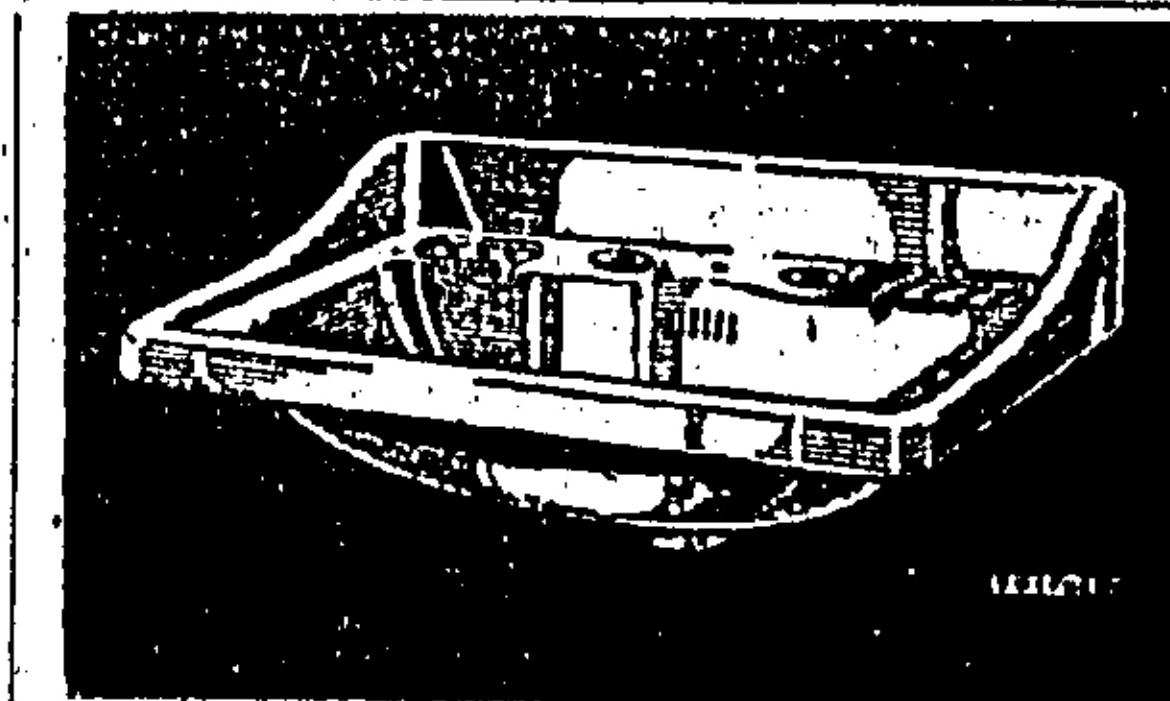
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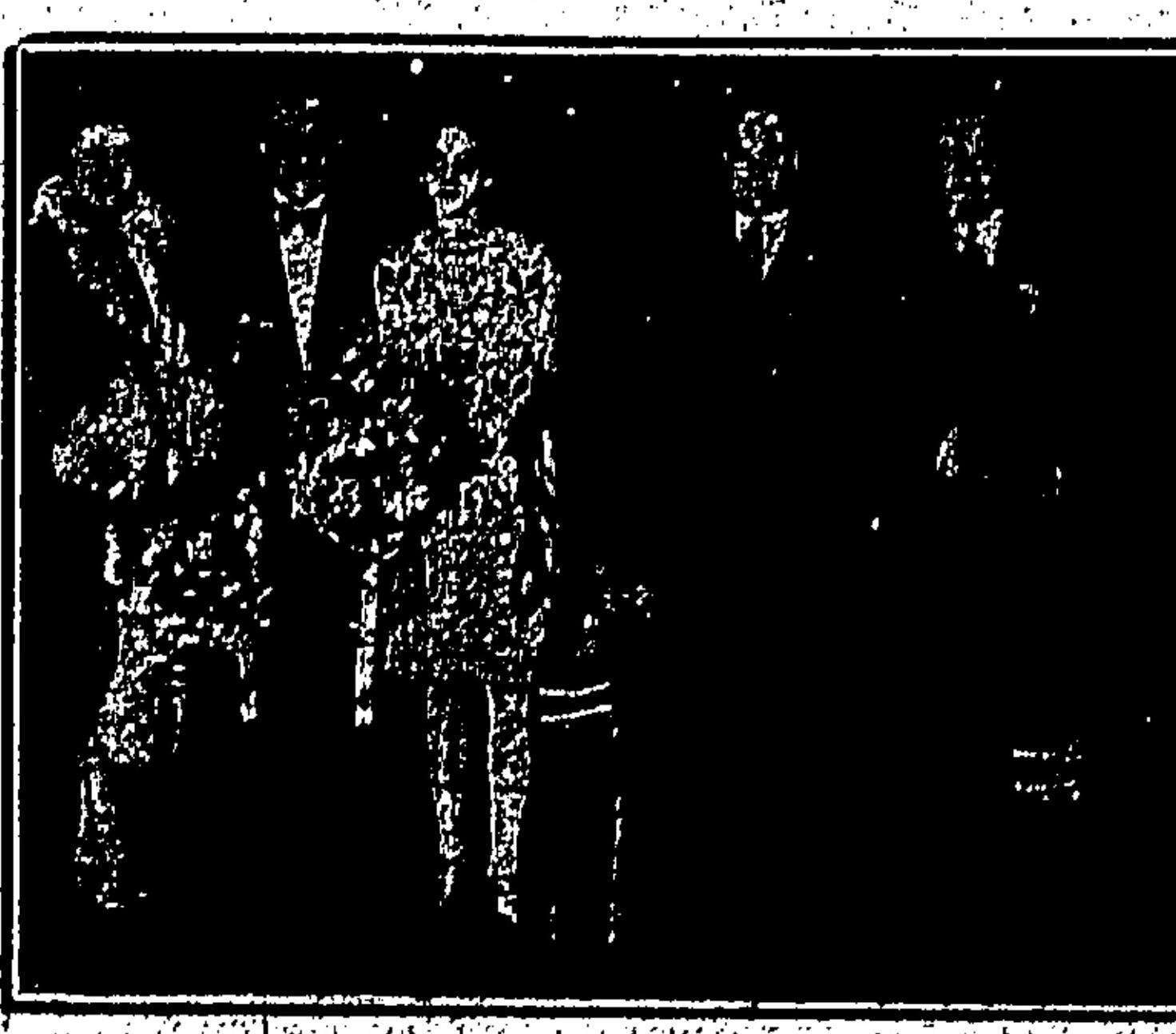
Three guests at the Shanghai B. W. A. garden party caught by the ubiquitous photographer.



The winning team in the senior team race held at the annual sports of the Shanghai Public School for Boys.



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A General Meeting of the Society will be held by kind permission of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., in their Board Room on Wednesday 27th day of June 1928 at 5.30 p.m. to decide upon a scheme of co-operation in the Grand Tattoo in September next.

T. V. HARMON.

Hon. Secretary.

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POLICE ARREST THEIR "SPY."

VICTIM SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS.

India is noted for the length of its red tape, but the most remarkable case of official inefficiency in recent years is due not so much to the strangling quality of this commodity, as to the absence of co-operation between departments.

The story is one of a police spy, employed by the Criminal Investigation Department to investigate cases of anarchy and conspiracy, who found himself undergoing a sentence of five years' rigorous imprisonment through official inefficiency.

The man was K. C. Bannerji, a Bengali youth of 22. He was sent up from the United Provinces to Lahore to carry on his investigations, equipped with a G.I.D. revolver. On arrival at Lahore station he was promptly arrested by the too-vigilant police and charged with chipping arms.

Bannerji, a zealous detective, was quite willing to admit the charge and go to prison for six months, the expected extent of the sentence, in order to establish himself as an accepted revolutionary. But judge of his surprise when the City Magistrate, named H. L. Phailias, imposed a sentence of five years' rigorous imprisonment.

Protests Ignored.

Bannerji's enthusiasm for his detective work was good enough for a year, but five years was too much. He protested, but his declarations that he was a police spy were not accepted, and he spent some months in gaol before some friends engineered a retrial. The facts came out, and the Government suddenly ordered his immediate release.

It transpired that the United Provinces police had neglected to inform the Punjab police of the despatch of their man to Lahore, and Bannerji's noble silence at the time of the trial effectively created an impression that his later protests could not remove.

His story has now been made public, and is being made great capital of in vernacular newspapers, which are always willing to attack authority.

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Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. What are "the King's Black-skins"?

2. Which are the two largest railway stations in Britain?

3. Where has the ancient "sport" of cockfighting recently been revived?

4. What is the present price per ounce of radium?

5. Of what Biblical King have relics just been discovered at Thobes?

6. How does the legend of Horne the Hunter prove that Buddhism was the religion of pre-Christian Britain?

7. What remarkable traces of the England of 18000 B.C. have recently been discovered?

8. What countries beside India have many millions of outcasts?

9. What and where was "the Old Mahogany Bar," which was known to sailors all over the world?

10. Where is "the house with the gold door knobs"?

11. What plant is being used for the production of power alcohol?

12. Why was the period between Ascension Day and Michaelmas Day once regarded with great anxiety?

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FATE OF TWO FAMOUS OLD SHOPS.

PREMISES THAT ESCAPED IN FIRE OF LONDON.

At a meeting of the Court of Common Council of the City of London the fate will be discussed of the two famous old shops in Bishopsgate which have occupied their quiet position, like sentinels, before the Church of St. Ethelburga since the day of Shakespeare.

Plans for the widening of Bishopsgate by the City Corporation have placed their existence in jeopardy.

The motion before the Council will be a recommendation of the Improvements and Finance Committee that notices "to treat" shall be served on the owners of the shops. That is to say, that the Corporation shall be empowered to take over the ground they occupy for improvements.

The shops escaped unscathed from the Great Fire of 1666.

Strong opposition, it is learned, led by Mr. Deputy T. H. Ellis, will meet the recommendation. In addition, Dr. W. F. Geikie-Cobb, the Rector of St. Ethelburga, and his congregation are determined to fight for the retention of the shops.

"I have written to the Town Clerk protesting against any proposed alteration," Dr. Geikie-Cobb said recently. "The two shops were built, the one, the 'little shop' in 1670, and the other, the 'great shop,' in 1614. Both remained the property of the parish, and paid their yearly rent into the Church account until 1891, when by a blunder they were included in the charities which were transferred to the Trustees of the City Parochial Charities."

Not Beyond Repair.

Of the premises in danger the freehold of the two shops and the tiny room above the larger is held by the London Parochial Charities, while that of the room above the smaller shop is held by the Hudson's Bay Company, whose new premises adjoin it.

Mr. Charles V. Sale, the Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, strongly opposes the measure. "My personal opinion," he stated, "is that it would be a pity to destroy the last vestige of old London in Bishopsgate. The buildings are sadly decayed, and have been mutilated by alterations and additions in the last century, but they are not beyond repair, and could be restored to their former appearance at comparatively little expense."

SYDNEY "BRIBES" SCANDAL.

INQUIRY TO COVER RIVAL TENDER.

Sydney, May 21.

At the resumption of the session of the Civic Royal Commission which is investigating certain charges of corruption in connection with the municipal contract concluded in 1925 for the Power Station of Sydney, Mr. Harvey, the Royal Commissioner, announced that he would have to investigate the tender of the International Combustion Company, "because it was so wrapped up with the subject matter of the present inquiry."

Mr. Maling, the Chief of the Electrical Department of the municipality, deposed that when the matter of payments to the Aldermen was arranged with Mr. Arnott, the Manager in Australia for Messrs. Babcock and Wilcox, the latter asked him to accept as a present a sum of £2,000, and he had reluctantly agreed.

The Royal Commission naked what had become of the balance of £1,100. Mr. Maling replied that he had asked "Albert," but that "Albert" had replied indefinitely.

"Albert" was the intermediary between "Mr. Buckle" and Mr. Maling, who were apparently unknown to each other. "Albert" had previously deposed that "Buckle" had paid him £10,000, which he had passed on to Mr. Maling.

The inquiry was adjourned till Saturday next.

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WOMAN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Here, according to fashion setters, are the three hats representing latest in styles.

Dainty Frocks.

OF PASTEL DYED LACES.

The lace frock always betokens hot summer days, although by every right, it may be guided into winter months, especially for evening wear.

But lace and summer seem to bear the same meaning, and certainly the shops in Paris know the trend of female minds, for they display many of the new patterns to suggest frocks made of these broad widths.

Pastel shades are among the most conspicuous tones exhibited, while close rivals are in gold or ripe wheat tones. Burnt orange is one of the newer shades in silk lace, and the beige and rose-beige tones are still very popular.

Patterns on the whole are very small and close. Most frequently one motif is repeated through the whole design instead of a flower with its spray of leaves, as was the preference in other seasons. By this, more than any other point, one can quickly decide with accuracy, between the fashion of this season and that of last season.

The popularity of black-silk lace is great. One finds it in afternoon and evening frocks. Indeed, the frock of black lace is hard to beat. It is usually made almost bountiful in its fullness; but the bodice may be a close bolero, or of the simple bloused type, with a white chiffon flower on the shoulder, or one in bright scarlet.

Cleaning Books.

THE CAUSE OF MILDEW.

Though the "vacuum" cleans books both quickly and thoroughly, many people like to review their bookcases now and then, if it were only to refresh their memory as to the whereabouts of old favourites, and this is an excellent opportunity for dusting and seeing to any small repairs.

Shelves should be well brushed out; if of wood, linseed oil, applied very sparingly, is better than water; leather flaps should be treated in the same way, and polished with a duster.

The books themselves should be dusted with a soft feather brush, then knocked very gently, to shake off any dust.

Real leather bindings, if shiny, may be renovated with any good brown or white leather polish, or linseed oil, then well rubbed with a soft cloth; if the leather is dull, use French chalk.

Mildew, which is caused not alone by damp, but by the books being packed too tightly, may be removed by rubbing lightly with spirits of wine, before polishing.

If the leather has frayed, brush a very little glue over the spot, and when almost dry smooth over the ragged edges and polish when dry.

Quarrelling.

AND PERSONALITY.

Married people who occasionally lose their tempers with one another may be interested to know that it is one of the theories of Count Hermann Keyserling, the German philosopher, who has written extensively about marriage, and who was recently in London, that quarrelling and strain are essential to married happiness, because they develop the personalities of the husband and wife.

Most ordinary mortals nearly always blame the other individual for a quarrel, and, as victims, would feelingly tell you, that they would much rather have their own and their partner's personalities developed by some other method.

Certainly it is a thousand times better for all who live in close association with others, to quarrel and give utterance to a grievance, than it is to keep it bottled up and suppressed, for, once it has been ventilated, there is always a chance for the offender to remove it.

The most difficult people to live with are undoubtedly those who criticise, think their own uncharitable thoughts, and say nothing about them, but allow them to sour their outlook, and destroy their love.

Yet it would be a mistake to think that quarrelling is anything but an evil, and, where perfect understanding exists, plain-speaking should be possible without the courage lent by temper.

Latest in Pyjamas.



Above is pictured the very latest in pyjama ensembles exhibited at a spring fashion show in New York.

Household Hints.

PARAFFIN AS A CLEANSER.

Though the extensive use of gas and electricity in towns has relegated the use of paraffin for general purposes to rural districts, this oil may be an invaluable household help even where it is never a necessity for lighting.

Paraffin is a real dirt chaser. Metal work of all kinds needs half the usual cleaning, if a final rub is given with a "paraffin" rag. Linoleum can be amazingly freshened by a good rub with this useful oil. Furniture polish will go twice as far if it is applied on a cloth previously damped with paraffin; the polish will also last longer.

Sap powder can be dispensed with if baths and similar utensils are given a rub with warm water to which a few drops of paraffin have been added, and then thoroughly rinsed. An additional merit in this connexion is that the cleanser will neither scratch nor in any way damage the most highly glazed surface.

In the laundry, too, paraffin will be found a great labour saver, and much rubbing and consequent straining of fabrics can be avoided if a small quantity is added in the wash tub. A very few drops put in the copper will whiten clothes without doing them the least harm. Similarly a few drops added to starch when it is made will prevent garments sticking to the iron, and the possibility of unsightly marks is eliminated.

Lingerie Sets.

RIBBON ON THE WANE.

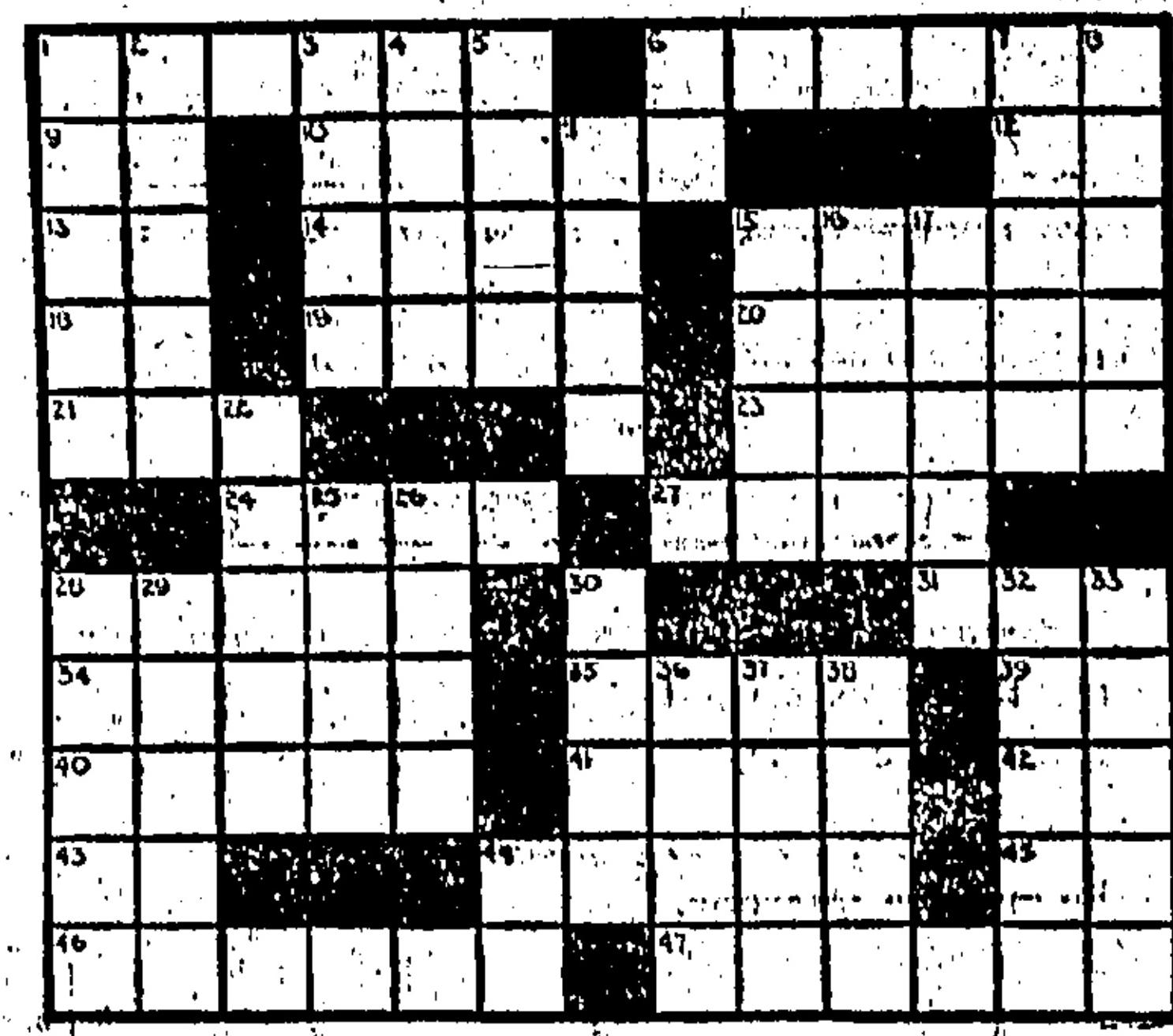
Ribbons seem to be on the wane in the decoration of lingerie sets. Even those made of coloured linen with white silk French knots embroidered on the yokes have no ribbons. Occasionally one sees them in bow-knots, caught in the fluffiness of the lace, at the sides of the combinations.

The tops of these combinations are made on fitted lines, so that the ribbon draw-string is a thing of the past. If one must gather it up a little, the elastic band is adapted for this purpose, but the combination and slip must fit perfectly flat, to give the frock a smooth line.

Shoulder-straps of ribbon still exist in broaded satin in *degradee* tones, in gros-grain ribbons, with picot edges. Bead straps may be snapped on to each set of lingerie. Gold and silver ones are offered for the lame sets, if one wishes to have these straps instead of gold and silver ribbon.

Tailored lingerie is no longer in the foreground of fashion, although one sees some beautiful models for sports wear, with rows of hem-stitching and drawn-thread work in various designs.

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14 To barter.

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19 Crown of the head.

20 Pertaining to a city.

21 To soak fax.

23 To choose.

24 Cessation from labour.

27 Employer.

31 Extra tyre.

34 To get up.

35 Region.

39 Sun god.

40 Clan symbol.

41 To wander about.

42 Bone.

43 Exists.

44 Slack.

45 Mother.

46 Cloudlike luminous mass.

47 Intellectual.

6 Second note in scale.

7 The keynote.

8 Upright.

11 Puffed.

15 Skillful aviators.

16 Glazed clay block.

17 Manifest.

22 Characteristic.

23 Gavel.

26 To appear.

28 Smooth silk.

29 Opposite of poetry.

30 Edible root stock.

32 Fragrant odour.

33 Pertaining to the nose.

36 Compartment of a house.

37 To relieve.

38 Last word of a prayer.

44 Sixth note in a scale.

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Chinese, and that it was absolutely against any interference in China's internal affairs. Unhappily, Mr. Chicherin, is like the Chinese Nationalists in that he expects to be taken at his own valuation. But the facts are against him. If there is one aspect of the Soviet's foreign policy which has been more marked than another during recent years it is Moscow's penchant for interfering in the affairs of other nations. Nowhere has that been more apparent than in China. The documents seized at the raids carried out at the Russian Embassy in Peking contained irrefutable proof of the financial aid given to various rebellious armies, to say nothing of the provision of huge quantities of war material or of the elaborate plans to stir up the Chinese masses against the so-called "Imperialist" Powers. The Canton raids revealed much along the same lines, including details of the plot to organise a workers' revolution with a view to seizing the reins of Government. The temerity of Mr. Chicherin's statement, in view of these facts, is too apparent to need emphasising.

DAY BY DAY.

OLD AGE IS NEVER HONOURED AMONG US, BUT ONLY INDULGED, AS CHILDHOOD IS; AND OLD MEN LOSE ONE OF THE MOST PRECIOUS RIGHTS OF MAN—THAT OF BEING JUDGED BY THEIR PEERS.—Goethe.

The P. and O. liner Ranpura left Shanghai at 4 p.m. yesterday and is due here at 9 a.m. on Friday.

Mr. T. W. Ainsworth left yesterday by the Messageries Maritimes liner General Metzinger for Saigon.

Yesterday's health return shows one British case of cerebro-spinal fever (imported), and one Chinese case each of diphtheria and typhoid fever.

Capt. B. R. Forster, private secretary to H. E. the Officer Administering the Government, leaves on Saturday for Canada and the United States on four months' leave.

Work is proceeding with the establishment of the Macao Public Library. The library is to occupy temporary accommodation in the Macao Loyal Senate pending the provision of more advantageous rooms.

Forthcoming Macao departures include Dr. Santos Pato, of the Macao Chinese and Commercial Court, who has been promoted, and Mr. Carlos Alves, till lately Director of the Macao Port Works Department.

It is announced that a general meeting of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society will be held in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., on Wednesday, June 27, at 5.30 p.m. to decide upon a scheme of co-operation in the Grand Tattoo in September.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Comdr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., Lo Yun-tai, master of a trading junk, was charged with navigating the waters of the harbour without regulation lights. Pleading guilty, he was fined \$10. with the usual alternative.

A guarantee in the sum of \$50 for his future behaviour was undertaken by the uncle of the young Chinese who was convicted by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday of stealing a jacket from a house in Austin Road. The defendant was accordingly discharged with a caution.

Dux Femina Facti.
Government passengers departing for Home by the s.s. Ranpura on Saturday, include Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Nisbet, of the Supreme Court; Miss A. L. Popham, of the Medical Department; Mr. D. C. Macdonald and Mrs. M. M. Tyler, of the Police; Mr. W. C. Simpson, of the P.W.D.; Mr. and Mrs. G. Watt, of the Imports and Exports, Depar-

tment. This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 19 arrivals and 18 departures, with British returning the best figures. While tonnage was high, the nationality made a poor cargo return, the total under both headings being less than 10,000 tons. High figures inward were registered by Japanese and Dutch, Swedish and British giving the best through figures. At 9 a.m. there remained 60 vessels in harbour, of which 18 were British.

Passengers who will disembark at Hongkong from the P. and O. Rawalpindi to-morrow include: Surg.-Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Breveror, Mr. S. Blakey, Mrs. R. A. Cringle, Mr. J. Cavanagh, Mr. V. Caro, Mrs. P. R. G. Cumming, Mr. W. S. D'Al, Mr. D. G. Evans, Mr. H. Fenstel, Mr. N. B. Fraser, Mr. P. O. Guidi, Mrs. G. F. Haslam, Mr. T. R. Hunter, Mr. T. G. Mackay, Miss Meldon, Mr. C. Nock, Lieut. L. M. V. Tregebar, Lieut. C. S. Tupper-Carey, Lieut.-Comdr. T. B. V. Thomas.

CORRESPONDENCE.**TAXIS INSURED.**

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Anticipating that possibly a wrong impression with regard to the taxicabs operated by this Company might be formed by the public from the article appearing on the front page of your paper dated June 18th, and headed "Motor Insurance Proposal," we request to note that all cabs operated by this Company are fully insured under a comprehensive Motor Car Policy with the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., and, needless to say, this includes all risks of Third Party, whether against persons or property.

We shall esteem it a favour if you will kindly insert this letter in your paper, as otherwise our endeavour to furnish the colony with a taxi service on sound business lines might not be appreciated at its true value.—Yours, etc.

THE NEW TAXI CO.

Hongkong, June 18th, 1928.

A GREAT STORY FILMED.**"SUNRISE" A REAL SCREEN CLASSIC.****EXQUISITE EFFECTS.**

"Sunrise," the much-heralded film, in the production of which no expense has been spared, was shown for the first time in Hongkong yesterday, and it attracted large audiences at the Queen's Theatre.

Let us say right away that it is a truly great film, representative of the best of the German-inspired productions, from which we have learned, to expect so much. To cinema-goers whose taste lies in the direction of the typical Hollywood film, with all its improbabilities and mushy sentimentality, "Sunrise" is not likely to be popular. It is in no sense of that type. The story is simplicity itself, but it is that fact which makes "Sunrise" a screen classic. It has, in some of its aspects, the Knut Hamsun touch—the art of making a great story out of a page torn from the book of life, without any fantastic attempt to evolve an elaborate plot. There are practically only two characters—the young farmer who fell to the allurements of a woman from the city, and his wife. But although they dominate the whole story, they are never blithely pushed forward into the limelight: they fit perfectly into the general theme, and they move through the tale as natural human beings, not as actors playing an allotted role.

Apart from the merit of "Sunrise" as a psychological study, there is the wonderful technical triumph which the film represents. "Exquisite" is the only adequate adjective to apply to the photographic effects, which have been unsurpassed in any previous film. Many of these are the impressionist type; all are very finely conceived and executed.

So far as the acting is concerned, it is beyond reproach. George O'Brien makes a very fine study of the part of the husband, and scarcely less successful is Janet Gaynor. Both have a true conception of their roles, and in the more dramatic moments they rise to great heights. Janet Gaynor's best work is seen in her reaction from the knowledge that her husband intended to drown her, when, in the gay city, she is buoyed up by hysteria to enter into the joys of the moment. George O'Brien is most impressive right through the film. A word should also be added regarding the work of Margaret Livingston as the woman from the city. Her part is not a big one, but it is very cleverly interpreted.

The story is somewhat depressing, with practically no humour to relieve its grimness, but to those who go to the cinema for other purposes than being merely amused, this will be no drawback. In "Sunrise" they will see a great story wonderfully portrayed.

Owing to the length of the film, the performances start each day at the special times of 2.30, 5.00, 7.15 and 9.30 p.m. "Sunrise" will be shown up to and including Saturday.

WANTED TO CUT OFF COCK'S HEAD.**DEFENDANT WISHES HIS STORY BELIEVED.**

The Tung Hing firm were the plaintiffs in an action, in the Summary Court this morning, claiming \$321.45 from Sze To-ming, of Shanghai Street, being balance due for goods sold and delivered.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the plaintiffs, defendant being present in person.

The managing partner of the plaintiff firm said the firm carried on business as iron founders and engineers and supplied goods to the value of \$332.82 to the defendant, who was an engineer, in connexion with the work for the s.s. Kong Ning, a Hongkong-Wuchow steamer. The defendant returned certain goods, and the amount due for those delivered was \$321.48.

Defendant said he had paid amounts of \$50, \$20 and \$5 on account and called a witness who said he was present when one sum was handed over to the managing partner of the plaintiff firm.

Judgment was entered for the plaintiff for the amount claimed, less \$20, and costs.

Asking for time to pay, the plaintiff said he had lost several thousand dollars in connexion with the s.s. Charles Hardouin and the s.s. Paul Beau and was now working for his brother.

After judgment had been given he said he would not be satisfied until he had cut off a cock's head in a temple with the plaintiff to support his statement of money being paid on account.

The Very Idea!

The Long Arm of Coincidence.—A Southsea reader sends the following to a Home paper: "Some years ago my brother and I, both in yachting kit, were in Palmerston-road, Southsea. I left him to go to the town station to meet a friend who was joining us. To my astonishment I thought I saw my brother on the platform. I said, 'Good lord, Ted! How did you get here?' The man—a stranger—replied, 'I beg your pardon?' He was the image of my brother, glasses and all."

At the same time, 12.30, my brother met someone whom he believed to be me in the Palmerston-road, and exclaimed, 'Why, I thought you'd gone to the station.' The man was the exact image of me. Each of us could hardly credit the mistake he had made."

My correspondent adds that he and his brother are not alike, he being clean shaven and three inches taller than his brother, who wears a moustache, which makes the coincidence of the two doubles the more remarkable.

Dr. F. J. Chavasse, formerly Bishop of Liverpool, whose death is announced although a kindly minded man, was always fond of narrating amusing incidents of his journeys to his friends.

Not long before his resignation he preached to troops in camp at Oswestry. An officer who conducted him back to the station asked him whether he desired to travel first or third class.

"Oh, I always travel third," replied the Bishop. "By doing so I find I can save sufficient to pay the stipend of a curate."

Thus a humorous writer in a Home paper.—The following extract is from *Our Husbands*, a weekly journal devoted to the care and training of these animals, published in the hope that women may some day take as much interest in them as they now do in Alsatians and Red Setters.

Report of Championship Show, held at the Trocadero. Benchend and fed by Messrs. Cross and Blackwell. Disinfected by Abdullas.

Puppy Class.—1, Mrs. Buster's Jim. Has good nose and plenty of bone, but turns his feet in. 2, Mrs. Watton's Bill. Nice expression, but weak in back. Novice Class.—1, Mrs. Honeydew's Ginger. Nice shape, good colour. 2, Mrs. Sweetpot's Harry. Has flat feet and wavy eyes, and is ring-shy, but as soon as he gets used to following on the lead in a crowd of spectators will do better.

Rough-coated Husbands.—A poor lot. 1, Mrs. Curant's Patay. A large beast, but needs brushing. 2, Mrs. Coppernob's Monty. Too full in juck and patchy at the back. Lost points owing to spots on waistcoat.

Smooth-haired Class.—1, Mrs. Avro's Claude. A small, very sleek specimen, and too big a head. Needs more exercise. Miss Maisie Binks, the well-known actress entered a husband, but owing to a dispute he was scratched. She scratched him. Miss Bob Samuel wanted to enter three, but divorcees were ineligible. Mrs. Magill's Bob was disqualified for biting the exhibit in the next pen.

Toys.—A record entry, in which tea-hounds prevailed. 1, Mrs. Upson Crawley's Reginald, a white-faced bun retriever. A good dog, and would be better if he had any hair on his head. Stands well, but sits better. 2, Mrs. Earls Court's Joey, a liver-coloured umbrella hound. Wants fattening up.

At an inquest at Woking on Walter Houdini Major, aged 65, a retired schoolmaster, formerly of Eltham, Kent, who was found dead in bed at his home at Send, medical evidence showed that his death was due to sleeping on a hot-water bottle after applying a poultice of a mustard compound to his back to relieve rheumatic pains.

As a result of the excessive heat generated, blood was drawn from his heart, causing unconsciousness and death. The doctor stated that Mr. Major was a particularly healthy man, and but for the combination of the two heating agencies he would have been alive today.

The coroner recorded a verdict of death from misadventure, and said Mr. Major's death was a warning to others who practised similar cures.

Action magistrate of a man summoned for non-payment of rates: Are there any goods to distrain on? Official: No, sir; he is an artist.

Nervous woman at Willesden: I swear by the Admiralty. Woman fined at Lambeth for being drunk and disorderly: I was walking along the road when they came and took me as if I was a wild animal.

ENTIRE CREW AS PLAINTIFFS.**BIG CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF "GORJISTAN."****EXTRA COSTS GIVEN.**

The entire crew of the s.s. Gorjistan, including European officers and Chinese seamen, were present in the Supreme Court this morning as plaintiffs in actions for wages due. This ship was arrested by the bailiff of the Court and the Master, Capt. J. W. Riddoch, claimed \$3,879.85 being nine and a half month's wages from August 15, 1927, to May 31, 1928, and \$4,492.10 for disbursements made by him.

A second claim concerned the other officers and members of the crew.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, who appeared for the plaintiffs, said that in the second action the total amount of the claims was \$18,233.23.

Captain's Claim.

Giving evidence, Captain Riddoch said he joined the s.s. Gorjistan in February, 1925, and had been master since that date. His monthly salary was \$514.29 and he also received a bonus of one month's salary for every year's service. This was in accordance with an agreement between the owners and the China Coast Officers' Guild and was in lieu of passage home and leave given by some shipping companies.

There was due to him for wages, apart from a bonus, a sum of \$3,879.85, to which \$1,414.29 had to be added for bonus. He had also paid in disbursements a sum amounting to \$3,077.81, which included the steward's missing account for himself and other officers, from August 15, 1927, to May 31, 1928, an amount paid to Mr. Corbin, the 2nd Officer, wages of the crew for April and other credit cash disbursements.

Officer's Dues.

The other officers, Mr. A. C. Tait, Chief Officer; Mr. N. N. Birtley, Third Officers, Mr. T. J. Robson, Chief Engineer, Mr. A. K. Amok, Second Engineer, and Mr. Wong Chung, Fourth Engineer, were also plaintiffs in the case.

Giving details of the amounts due to these plaintiffs, Captain Riddoch said Mr. Tait's claim was for \$2,298.26, being \$1,728.56 wages and \$569.70 bonus wages, Mr. Birtley \$1,565.88, Mr. Robson \$1,502.99, Mr. Amok \$1,906.30 and Mr. Wong Chung \$712.50.

Mr. Tait also gave evidence, and the Puisne Judge decided that it was unnecessary to call other members of the crew to corroborate the amounts due as given by the Captain in evidence.

Extra Costs.

Asking for judgment and costs, Mr. Alabaster said he would ask his Lordship to make a special order with regard to subsistence, as decided by the Carolina case. Strictly speaking, a claim for wages stopped on the date of the writ, but the plaintiffs were entitled to subsistence from date up to the time of the judgment by way of extra costs.

Captain T.T. Laurenson, D.S.C., Branch Secretary of China Coast Officers' Guild, was called to prove the agreement whereby the officers of the Gorjistan received monthly wages and also a bonus of one month's wages for each year's service.

His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiffs and made the order for extra costs in accordance with Mr. Alabaster's application.

SHIPPING ITEMS.**RESUMED WEST RIVER SERVICE.**

The s.s. Kwong Fook Cheong was berthed at the wharf this morning after a lay-up of more than two months, due to difficulties arising from registration questions.

It is learned that the steamer will resume service on the Kowloon run at 6.30 to-night, under the British flag. Captain Gillespie will sail as master, with Mr. Best as Chief Officer.

Further news is to the effect that the s.s. Charles Hardouin and Paul Beau are shortly to be placed on the Kowloon run, but no date of commencement has yet been announced.

A local fishing junk on its way to Takmoon, last Friday, was fired upon and forced to stop by a pirate vessel. A prize crew was put on board, and remained there while the cargo of fish, valued at over \$1,000 was being transferred to the pirate boat. They then released the vessel and crew. On their return to Hongkong, yesterday, the crew reported the affair to the police.

THE DISARMAMENT PROBLEM.**LORD CUSHENDUN DENIES OBSTRUCTION.****BRITAIN DEFENDED.**

London, June 19.

In the House of Lords, Viscount Cecil moved a resolution stating that it was desirable that the Preparatory Disarmament Commission at Geneva should again meet at an early date, and, in any case, before the next meeting of the League of Nations Assembly.

The mover of the resolution said no progress towards disarmament had been made since the spring of last year. He criticised the British Government's negative attitude.

Lord Cushendun pointed out that difficult problems had constantly arisen when the disarmament question was considered. He defended the Government's attitude towards the proposals made, and repudiated the suggestion by Lord Parmoor that Britain had acted obstructively.

"We have done infinitely more to promote and resort to arbitration than any country except the United States," declared Lord Cushendun, "and we have been foremost in directing practical disarmament."

Lord Cushendun further declared that useful decisions with regard to disarmament could only be arrived at by the greatest forbearance.

He suggested the substitution of the words "if possible" for "in any case" in Viscount Cecil's resolution; and this was agreed to.—*Reuter.*

BREEDING MOSQUITOES.**MAN FINED FOR IGNORING A NOTICE.**

Although, as admitted by the prosecution, insufficient time had been allowed, a man who was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with failing to abate a nuisance by preventing the breeding of mosquito larvae, was fined \$20, it being stated that no attempt whatsoever was even made to try to abate the nuisance.

The defendant in reply to the summons said that it was impossible to clear the entire premises in two days, as he had several hundred barrels on the land.

Inspector Sinton, in reply to his Worship, admitted that two days was possibly not sufficient time but pointed out that the defendant had made no effort to comply with the notice served on him.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$20, remarking that if the defendant had made a start to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes he would have been cautioned.

MOTORIST'S SATIRE.**POLICE TRAP EFFICIENT, BUT "LAUGHING-STOCK."**

A satirical letter on police methods was read at Croydon County Police Court when Derek Kirkland, of Leigham Court-road, Streatham, was fined £2 for driving at an excessive speed at Mitcham.

The letter stated: "It gives me great pleasure to attend such noble functions. I was passed by a greengrocer's cart, drawn by the most remarkable horse which was easily able to exceed 22 miles an hour!"

He described the Mitcham police trap as "a laughing-stock."

Kirkland, in evidence, said he knew he was in the trap, because it was obvious to everyone, and continued: "I know it is very efficient, because the last time I played cricket on Mitcham Green I had £2 10s. stolen from my coat pocket in the pavilion while three policemen were busily engaged, watching motorists round the corner."

LOCAL BROADCASTING.**GOVERNMENT'S MUSICAL PROGRAMMES.**

The broadcasting of musical programmes is now being undertaken by the Hongkong Government, according to a notification to hand this morning.

At the moment no details are announced, but to-day's information states: "The Government Broadcasting Station G.O.W. is now transmitting test programmes of music from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. nightly, on 300 metres."

LADIES GOLF.

A Bogey Competition, 18 holes, is to take place at Deep Water Bay during July for a prize kindly presented by Mrs. F. Taylor. Particulars will be posted on the notice board.

BIG CONFERENCE AT SWATOW.**RECONSTRUCTION MEASURES TO BE DISCUSSED.****NEW ROAD SCHEMES.**

Swatow, June 16.

General Hsu King-tong, who is in command of the 6th Army, and in control of the Eastern District of Kwangtung, has called a Conference of executive officials throughout his district to consider measures of reconstruction.

The Conference is to meet for five days from to-day and consists of members of General Hsu's headquarters in Swatow, all district magistrates, civic officials, and finance, education, communications, and police officials.

Subjects for discussion are divided into four groups. The first deals with matters of internal defence, measures against Communists, village militia organisation, and so on. The second includes communications and industry. The third is concerned with education, public health, local customs, and philanthropic activity. The fourth includes problems of administration and finance, with other matters that may come up.

In Confiscated School.

General Hsu himself will preside, and elaborate instructions are issued as to the method of bringing proposals before the Conference and rules of debate. There being no suitable public hall in Swatow, the Conference is to meet in the Assembly Hall of the first Municipal Middle School. Under this name is disguised the Anglo-Chinese College of the English Presbyterian Mission, confiscated under the boycott, and not yet restored to its rightful owners and trustees.

Railway Dangers.

Recent accidents, which it must be acknowledged only serve to throw into relief many years of immunity, on the part of the authorities.

The Railway is ordered to submit proposals for the reconstruction of the line and replacement of rolling stock, these on being passed by the authorities to be immediately undertaken, in order to provide for the safety of the travelling public.

New Roads.

General Hsu is giving special attention to the question of communications and has ordered the Chaochowfu and Kit-yang magistrates to proceed with and to complete the cross-country road between the two places. This road was surveyed some years ago but only a few hundred yards outside Chaochowfu were constructed.

The distance must be some 30 or 40 miles and as it is plotted through paddy fields, it would seem unlikely that it will be carried through before harvest, and impossible under present conditions that it be done so quickly as in a month. The road would be a useful one, and lies through the well populated and fertile Chaochow plain. It is a section of the highway which is planned to run from Canton to Swatow.

Other projected roads are from Irwicow to Kayingchow and thence into Fukien. It is intended to use the refugees from disturbed and famine areas to work on the roads.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

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WHARF SEARCHING INCIDENT.**POLICE RESERVIST CHARGES SEARCHERS.****SEQUEL TO QUARREL.**

An incident which occurred on the 8th instant at the Yaumati Ferry Wharf, between a Chinese police reservist, a Chinese police searcher and a woman searcher, resulted in a summons being taken out by the former against the two last-named for assault at the Central Police Court this morning.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson represented the complainant and the case was heard before Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

Mr. Hodgson, in opening his case, said the alleged assault took place when the complainant arrived at the Yaumati Ferry Wharf, on the Central Praya. He was then being accompanied by his wife.

A police constable on duty there as a searcher, demanded to search the complainant, who then told him that he was a member of the Police Reserve, not in any sense of resisting the search, but in that it was usual for a Police Reservist to inform the regular members of the Force that he was such.

Not Exempt.

Of course, continued Mr. Hodgson, that did not mean that Police Reservists were exempt from those searches, and the complainant in this case allowed himself to be searched, after proving to the constable that he was a Police Reservist by showing his badge.

Apparently, for some reason or other—it might be that the constable considered himself as exercising higher authority in the sense that he was there as a searcher—the constable was not pleased about it, for he took up a hostile attitude. Mr. Hodgson said he had no doubt that words were exchanged between them after the search. The constable said that not only could he search the complainant, but that he also had the power to arrest him, and proceeded to suit the action to the words by grasping the complainant's shirt front. No doubt, there was a scuffle as complainant resisted. Eventually, he was taken to police quarters in the building opposite the wharf.

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WARM TRIBUTES TO SPEAKER.**COMMONS UNANIMOUS IN VOTE OF THANKS.****MR. WHITLEY RETIRES.**

London, June 19.

In a characteristic speech, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, in the House of Commons to-day, moved a resolution which was unanimously passed, tendering the thanks of the House to the Rt. Hon. J. H. Whitley on the occasion of his retirement from the Speakership.

The Premier paid a warm tribute to Mr. Whitley's wife, and particularly emphasised his special interest in the Empire Parliamentary Association. Mr. Baldwin said he was convinced that the hospitality of the Speaker extended to the Dominions' legislators visiting England had been one of the most treasured recollections when they returned Home.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, the "Father" of the House, and Mr. Saklatvala, the Communist Member for Battersea, joined in the tribute.

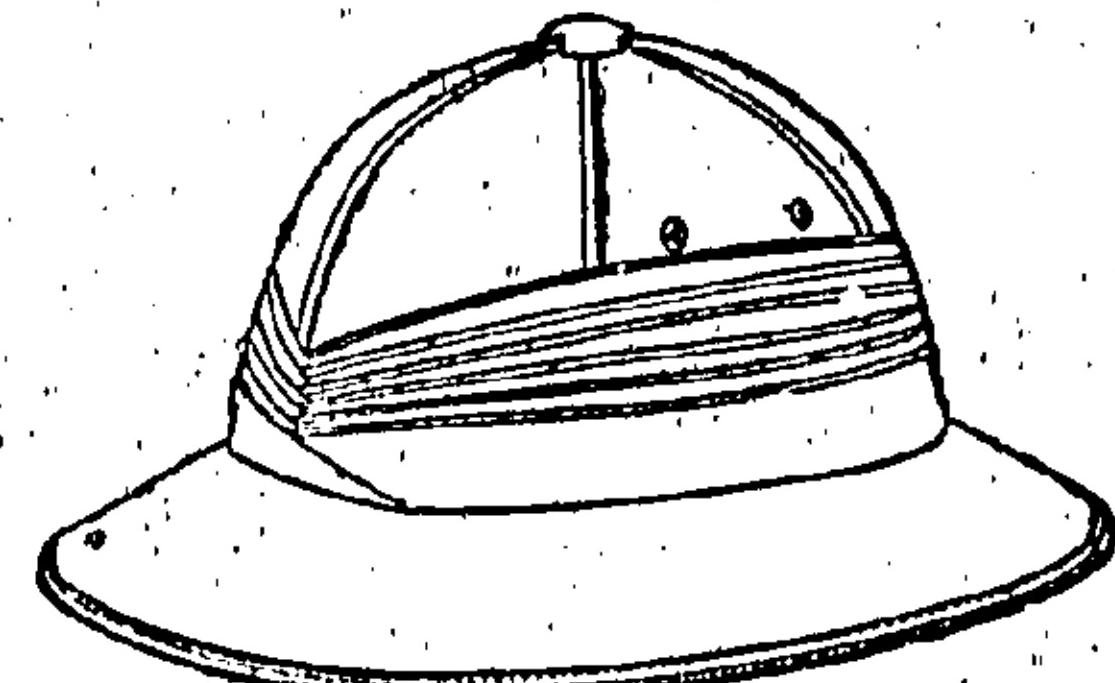
Mr. Whitley returned thanks to the House in an eloquent speech.

The House then adopted a resolution praying His Majesty to confer a signal mark of honour at the House's expense.—*Reuter.*

MOTOR SPEEDWAY RACES.**RIDER BADLY THROWN AT WHITE CITY.**

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CENSORSHIP CASE VERDICT.

(Continued from Page 1.)
Equal Rights.

Mr. Lo argued that the censorship Regulation *ultra vires* as it contravened the Royal Instruction by subjecting Chinese to restrictions to which Europeans are not subjected. It is obvious that this beneficial instruction is to secure to all persons of whatever nationality equal rights in the Colony, and it is incontrovertible that if any European Printer or Publisher prints or publishes matter in the Chinese language, he, in common with any other "person" is subject to and bound by the Censorship Regulation. That no Europeans do publish Chinese newspapers in the Colony is quite beside the point.

It is not within my province to comment on the expediency of retaining or enforcing regulations made e.g. during a strike, after the public danger contemplated by the authority who made them, has, in fact, passed. Presumably there are good and sufficient reasons why the authorities should still continue to exercise censorship and control over matter printed and published in the vernacular.

Reasons for Continuance.

If the matter the subject of the boycott cases is a fair sample of what the defendants would print and publish were the censorship withdrawn, I must confess that personally I see the most urgent reasons for maintaining it. I am therefore unable to agree with Mr. Lo's submissions and hold that, in law, the regulations are neither *ultra vires* in their inception, nor continued existence.

With regard to the four censorship cases, according to the evidence, the defendants submitted three proofs to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs for censorship, two on May 8 and one on May 9, and the method of censoring at that date—a new method started in April—was for the Censor to delete any objectionable matter by striking it through with a red or blue pencil or an ink cross or line, which indicated that the matter was not passed for publication, or to pass it through the corner of any objectionable paragraph, which indicated that the particular paragraph was passed for publication. Blank spaces were sometimes, but not always, struck through.

Prior to April, the method was sometimes to pass a whole proof sheet containing several articles (particularly written matter from Canton) by one initialling only. The new method of initialling subsequent alteration in or substitution of matter duly censored and passed creates, at any rate, a technical offence against Regulation 1.

With regard to the four boycott cases, Mr. Lo, as a second defense, contended that the matter printed and published does not contravene Regulation 2, as it does nothing more than any trade publication urging people to buy British goods in preference to (say) American products, and that if what his client had advocated was an offence, every such trade publication was also an offence.

The material words in the publications are (in the issue of May 9) "Warning to our Chinese, all of us who wish to maintain our nationality must refrain from using Japanese goods. If your enthusiasm is going to last for only five minutes, you might as well prepare to become slaves in a lost country" and (in the issue of May 10) "All our countrymen arise in a body and be active. The Japanese have challenged us and cruelly murdered our Chinese Officials and people. Be unanimous in severing economic relations with Japan."

The fifth witness for the prosecution, Mr. Lam Pak-chung, another censor, who censored one proof sheet submitted on May 8, stated that he remembered clearly that the two paragraphs relating to the Boycott were not on the submitted proof when he initialled it. He also stated that he did not see in the proof submitted to and censored by him on May 9, the four slogans commencing "All our countrymen arise in a body and be active."

The fourth witness for the prosecution, Mr. Lo Kam-chak, the Chief Translator in the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, stated that the defendant publisher was instructed by him prior to May 8 not to publish any leader or similar article promoting a boycott against Japan.

Publisher's Version.

The evidence of the defendant publisher (who is also Editor of the *Hongkong Morning Post*) is to the effect that both the paragraphs and the slogans in question were in the submitted proofs, and that he was instructed by an official in the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs not to publish anything "strong or violent language" against the Japanese, but he denies being instructed not to publish Boycott matter. He admitted, however, that he ordered

the paragraph published in the issue of May 9 to be substituted for the paragraph in one of the proofs submitted on May 8 and that it was a common practice to submit matter for censoring after actual publication. He further stated that he only submitted for censorship what he considered matters of great importance, and that he considered a Boycott unimportant.

The words of the regulation (No. 1) read: "No person shall print or publish . . . any matter (other than a bona fide trade advertisement) . . ." If publishers elect what matter they will or will not submit for censorship (arrogating to themselves the special functions of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs) the whole object of the regulation is defeated.

Only one Exception.

Apart from the one exception, they cannot print or publish a single non-censored word without committing an offence against the Regulation.

Although these proofs appear to have passed through the hands of certain printers and the defendant publisher's Assistant Editor, not one of these have been called to corroborate the defendant publisher's statement that the paragraphs were in the proofs when submitted, moreover there is nothing on the proofs to show that they ever passed through the defendant publisher's hands. On the other hand, the censor's initials show clearly that he saw the proofs, and in view of his recent instructions to reject Boycott matter, the presumption is that he would be on the *qui vive* for such important matter.

It is also hardly conceivable after the specific instructions received by the censors, that the Chief Translator when interviewing the Editors, should omit to mention this important subject, and in any event, whether the subject of Boycott was or was not mentioned, the Regulations against publishing Boycott matters had been in force since June, 1926—which appears to be a sufficient warning.

Judge's Finding.

After consideration of the evidence, I accordingly attach more weight to the recollections of the Censors in respect of the submitted proofs, and find that the matter as published in the issues of May 9 and 10 was not submitted to and passed by the Censor. Further, in my view, any subsequent alteration in or substitution of matter duly censored and passed creates, at any rate, a technical offence against Regulation 1.

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A Direct Exhortation.

The paragraph in the issue of the 9th May is a direct exhortation to the Chinese members of the general public to refrain from dealing with the Japanese in the course of trade, and the paragraph in the issue of May 10 is clearly intended to persuade the same members to carry on an active boycott. A *bona fide* trade publication, in respect of any particular goods, urging the preferential buying of British goods is a practice internationally recognised as a mere puffing of one's own wares, whereas a boycott is deliberately intended in its result to deprive the persons aimed at of their means of livelihood, by the wholesale destruction of their legitimate trade. It is the malice behind this which brings it within the spirit and meaning of the Regulation.

I am therefore unable to agree with Mr. Lo's second contention and hold that both paragraphs clearly contravene Regulation 2.

Mr. Lo also pointed out that other matter advocating a Boycott had been passed by the Censor. This may be so, but such passing cannot stamp unlawful matter with the brand of legality, nor relieve the defendants of the legal consequences of its publication. A Censor has no power to abrogate the law. All that passing by

the Censor amounts to is (in effect) to say "I see no objection to the matter submitted, but if you publish it you do so at your own risk."

Anti-Japanese Incidents.

If the defendants had had the slightest idea of civic responsibility, they must have realised that in the then state of Chinese feeling, the publication of such matter might excite further feeling between the Chinese and Japanese in this Colony, and, as a matter of fact, subsequently to such publication, viz., on May 17, anti-Japanese demonstrations by certain irresponsible Chinese occurred in the Colony and continued for about a week. I do not suggest that there were grave disorders, but agitators addressed crowds in the streets and distributed inflammatory literature, and there were instances where excited crowds actually attacked Japanese shops and smashed windows, and although the defendants are not charged with an act calculated to cause a breach of the peace, the probability that the publications, in the known circumstances, might lead to demonstrations, compels me to take a more serious view of the Boycott cases than I otherwise would have done.

In his evidence, the censor agreed that matter once submitted and passed need not be resubmitted for purpose of subsequent publication. I incline to the view with regard to the censorship cases only, that although the publications were two separate and distinct issues, the offences alleged on the 9th and 10th May constitute one continuing offence and should have been the subject of one charge and not two.

Nominal Fines.

Consequently, I amend the two summonses relating to the 9th May to read 9th and 10th May and dismiss the two summonses against the printers and publisher respectively for the censorship charge on the 10th May.

On the remaining six charges, I convict the respective defendants. I ignore the suggestion in the censorship cases of fraud on the part of the defendants, and regard the facts disclosed as a mere indiscretion on the part of one who, while expressing respect for the Censorship, in practice habitually treated it with sublime indifference, and although I cannot acquiesce in Mr. Lo's invitation to treat the matter as trivial and dismiss it, I am prepared to look on the two censorship cases with a benignant eye, and according fine both the printers (each individual partner in the defendant firm) and the publisher the nominal sum of \$25, in default, seven days' imprisonment without hard labour.

The boycott cases are in an entirely different category. I recently sentenced to imprisonment for offences advocating a boycott, certain ignorant Chinese workers. The printing and publishing by the defendants of the matter proved in these cases is equally grave, and though I distinguish between the two classes of cases in the present cases the defendants did not in any event exhort the public—I see no reason to mete out different punishment to educated and responsible persons.

Fines and Imprisonment.

I fine the printers (each individual partner of the defendant Company) the sum of \$250 on each charge, in default, one month's imprisonment without hard labour, and the publishers \$500 on each charge, in default one month's imprisonment without hard labour, the imprisonment to run concurrently.

In addition, each printer and the publisher must go to prison for one month without hard labour on each charge, these additional sentences also to run concurrently.

When a person wrongs others through the medium of the press, the least he can do to right the wrong is publicly to apologise through the same medium. I therefore add that if, at the expiration of seven days, the defendants have printed and published in the *Hongkong Morning Post* for two consecutive daily issues an expression of regret and apology to the Japanese community in Hongkong in the following terms, I shall be prepared to recommend to the proper authority, remission of the remainder of the defendants' sentences of imprisonment.

Suggested Apology.

The terms of the apology are: "We . . . trading as the Chung Fat Company, Printers, and Leung Chan, Publisher, all of Hongkong, Printers and Publisher respectively of the *Hongkong Morning Post*, having on the 9th and 10th May last unlawfully printed and published in the Chinese language in the said newspaper certain matter advocating a boycott of Japanese goods, calculated in its result to injure the Japanese community in Hongkong, and, having been sentenced therefor to fine and imprisonment, hereby express our regret and apologize to the Japanese Community in Hongkong and further counsel and advise the Chinese inhabitants of Hongkong loyally to live in peace and amity and to continue to trade as heretofore with all

BRIGHT SPOTS IN TEST TRIAL.

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was the only player to offer resistance, and he batted in his usual elegant style for 74 (not out).

HUGE SURREY TOTAL.

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"Andy" Ducat is filling in brilliant style the gap created by the unfortunate strain to Hobbs. Against Essex at Leyton, he continued his succession of centuries by scoring 208, his highest of the season. Made in an innings almost free of chance, it was his fourth 100 in successive games for Surrey, his previous scores being:

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119 (not out) v. Warwick.

101 (not out) v. Sussex.

Surrey compiled 505, Ducat opening assisted by Shepherd, who also played big share in the victory in an innings and 149 runs. The scores were:

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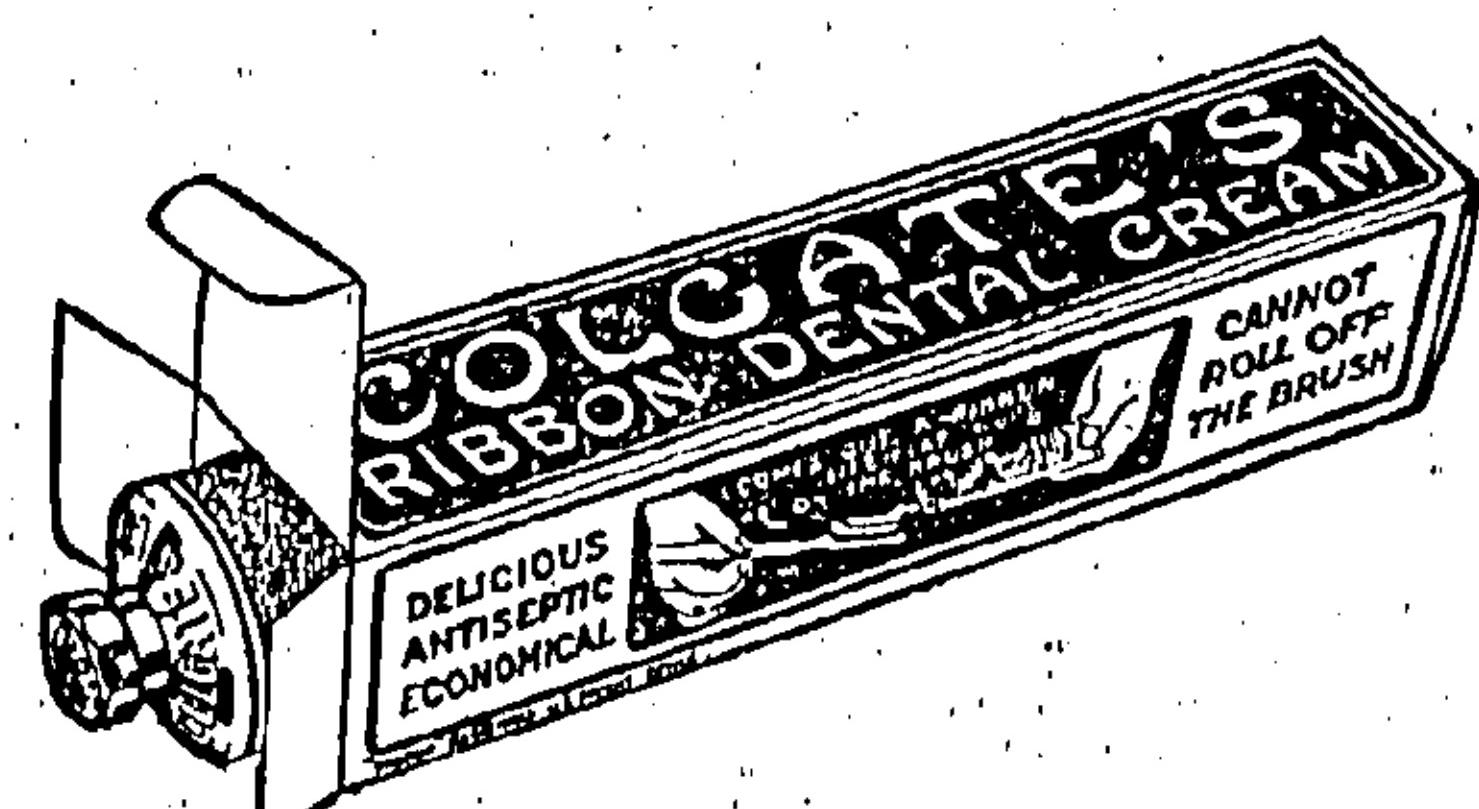


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NEW NAME OF THE COLONIAL INSTITUTE

The Royal Colonial Institute, which celebrates its diamond jubilee this year, has decided to change its name to "The Royal Empire Society."

At the annual general meeting it was decided to send a loyal address to the King testifying to the unfailing help and support the Institute had received from the King, his predecessors, and many members of the Royal Family, and stating that the Institute had 15,000 members and an Empire library of 175,000 volumes. It had endeavoured to bind all classes in sympathy and devotion to the Crown.

Mr. J. Sandeman Allen, M.P., the deputy-chairman of the council, presided, and, in moving for the alteration of the title of the institute, said: "For a long time it has been felt that the old title, Royal Colonial Institute, was not really descriptive of the field" of our work in the present day. Since the title was chosen the great Dominions have received full self-governing independent status, we have the new Dominion of the Irish Free State, and the Indian Empire is on a different basis. Last year our esteemed president, the Duke of Connaught, suggested that the time had come to make a change. Following upon this we took an informal Referendum to obtain our members' views on the subject. Out of nearly 15,000 Fellows we have only received objections from 279. The council are therefore of opinion that we have the support of the great majority of the Fellows in making this change.

Some of us "may regret the passing of the old name under which so much valuable work has been done, and through which we are so well known that the Royal Colonial Institute is practically a household word in the Empire, but we must accept changed conditions and admit that the name is no longer suitable. After considering the matter for a long time and having before us some 20 or 30 suggestions, the only one which found general support and upon which unanimity was reached was that of the Royal Empire Society," which is now submitted for your acceptance."

Several members condemned the change, and one described it as "a petty jingle," but the proposal to change the name was adopted by 68 votes to 22.

The Duke of Connaught was re-elected President, and Lady Davson was elected a member of the council. That was the first time a woman had been appointed on that body.

WHO'S WHO.

YESTERDAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

Passengers arriving on the s.s. President Jackson from the North included: Mr. A. M. Birchall, Eastern representative for the David Midgley and Sons, Ltd., Manchester; Mr. A. H. B. Fitzhardinge, Bank manager of the Chartered Bank of E. A. and C.; Mr. J. M. Hykes, manager of Shanghai Office of the Aluminium Co., of America; Mr. Eric Moller, of Moller and Co., Shanghai; Mr. H. Miller, commercial manager of the China Electric Company, Ltd., Shanghai; Mr. C. E. Patten, Presbyterian Mission in China as Secretary of the China Council; Mr. A. M. R. Pereira, of William Forbes and Co.; Mr. C. Stigler, of the Netherlands India Commercial Bank; Mr. Shao Chang-ling, Professor of the University of Hawaii Manoa Valley, Honolulu, T. H.

President Pierce.

Among the passengers on the President Pierce which left yesterday were: Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Cokely, General Manager of the Robert Dollar Co., returning to Shanghai; Mr. W. M. Simmons, connected with the National City Bank in Singapore, returning to the U. S. on furlough; Mr. P. H. Suckling, General Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., on a business trip to the United States; Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. Yee, returning to the States after a visit to the Orient; Rev. John Lake, connected with the Baptist Mission in Tungshan, Canton, on a business trip to the North; Mr. J. Y. Lum, prominent Chinese banker, travelling to Shanghai; Mr. T. L. Owens, connected with the Prince Line, going to Shanghai; Mr. B. F. Pon, assistant manager of the Lam Trading Co., in Shanghai, returning to the North after a business trip to Hongkong; Mr. Harry Gild, attached to the firm of McEwan and Co., Ltd., Edinburgh, well-known brewer.

The fund for providing an annuity for Mrs. Wakeford, wife of ex-Archdeacon Wakeford, for which an appeal was lately made, now amounts to £1,060.

ADVERTISING FOR HUSBANDS.

"A MATE FOR EVERYONE."

The action brought by Mr. Thomas Owen, of Sussex-street, Victoria, S.W., editor of the "Matchmaker," against Odhams Press, Ltd., Long-acre, proprietors of "John Bull," and Mr. Sidney A. Mosley, a journalist, claiming damages for alleged libel, terminated in favour of the defendants.

In articles written by Mr. Mosley and published in "John Bull" it was alleged that Mr. Owen cheated and unscrupulously fleeced his female clients.

The defence was that the publication of the articles was justified. Mr. Justice Avery, in addressing the jury, said that the crucial question was whether the jury believed that the letter which Mr. Mosley said he wrote stating that he was a married man was received by Mr. Owen, and if that were so, his Lordship presumed that the jury could have no doubt that the substantial allegation made against Mr. Owen had been established.

Referring to Miss "X," who gave evidence, his Lordship said that the jury probably noticed that Mr. Owen and a solicitor retired from the Court, and there was a considerable interval before she returned with them and entered the witness-box. The jury might wonder what took place between them and Miss "X," outside the Court. In the correspondence there was evidence of Miss "X" having been in communication with Mr. Owen before she wrote certain letters.

The jury might think that a pathetic picture was presented by this young woman, who had been striving for three years to find a husband.

Question for the Jury.

After quoting from the "Matchmaker" the statement: "There is a mate for everyone somewhere," Mr. Justice Avery remarked: "I don't know how they can reconcile that with the large number of women in this country unless they are going to share a husband in the future."

The question which the jury had to consider was whether this matrimonial business might and probably did result in illicit relations being promoted and established between men and young women.

His Lordship, referring to advertisements published in the "Matchmaker," said: "Is it not merely throwing dust in your eyes to say that those advertisements are intended to promote pure platonic friendships?"

"Do they not on the face of them bear out the allegation made by the defendants that a part, at all events, of the plaintiff's business is of that dangerous nature, which is undoubtedly a danger to the public, of promoting and encouraging the introduction of a man who, as one of the advertisements says, 'desires a frolic in London' to young women, some of whom may be perfectly honestly desirous of finding a lawful husband and others who may desire someone to come and have

a cup of tea.' That is the serious aspect of this case."

After an absence of two hours the jury returned a verdict for the defendants (as stated), and judgment was entered accordingly.

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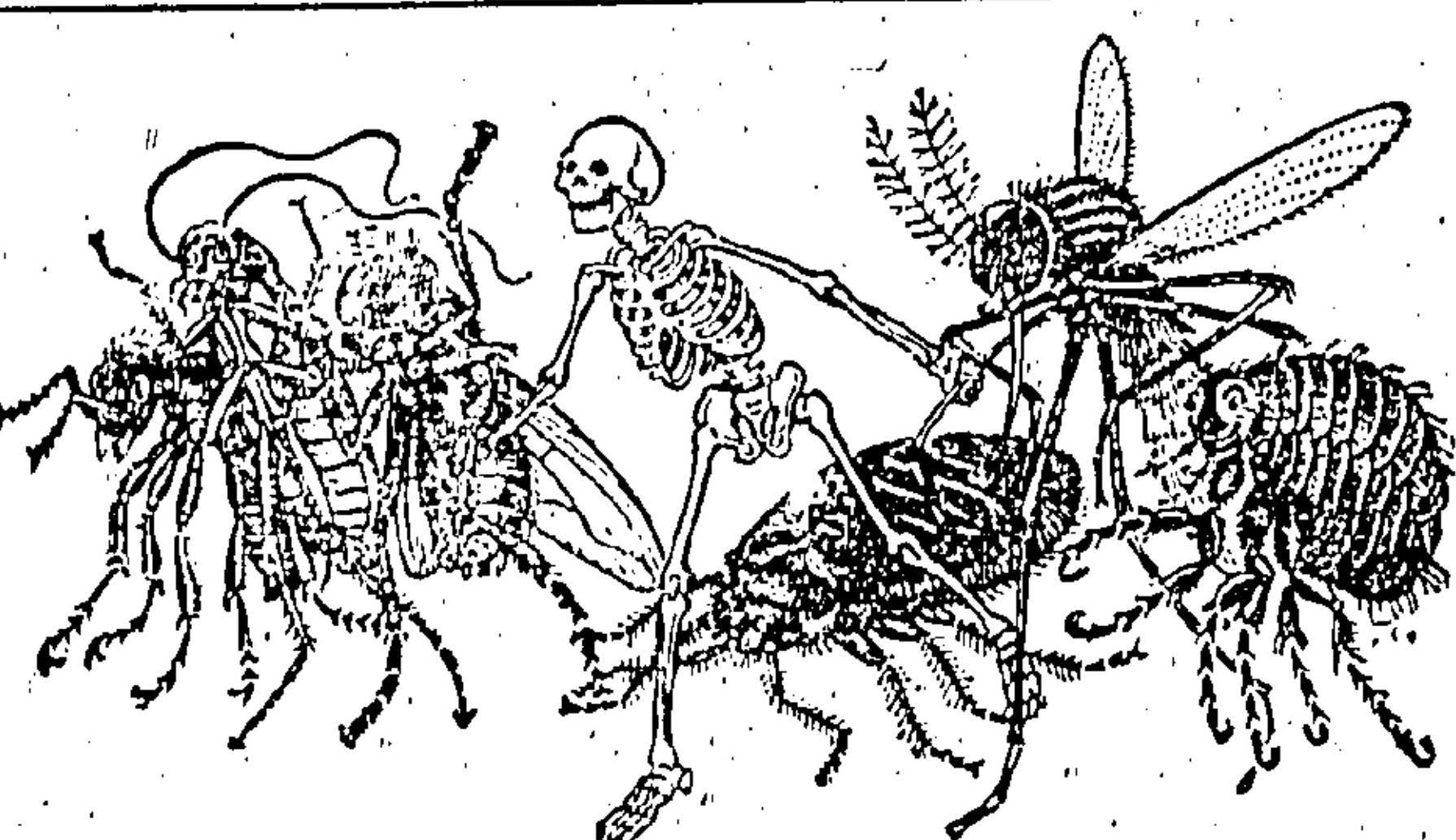
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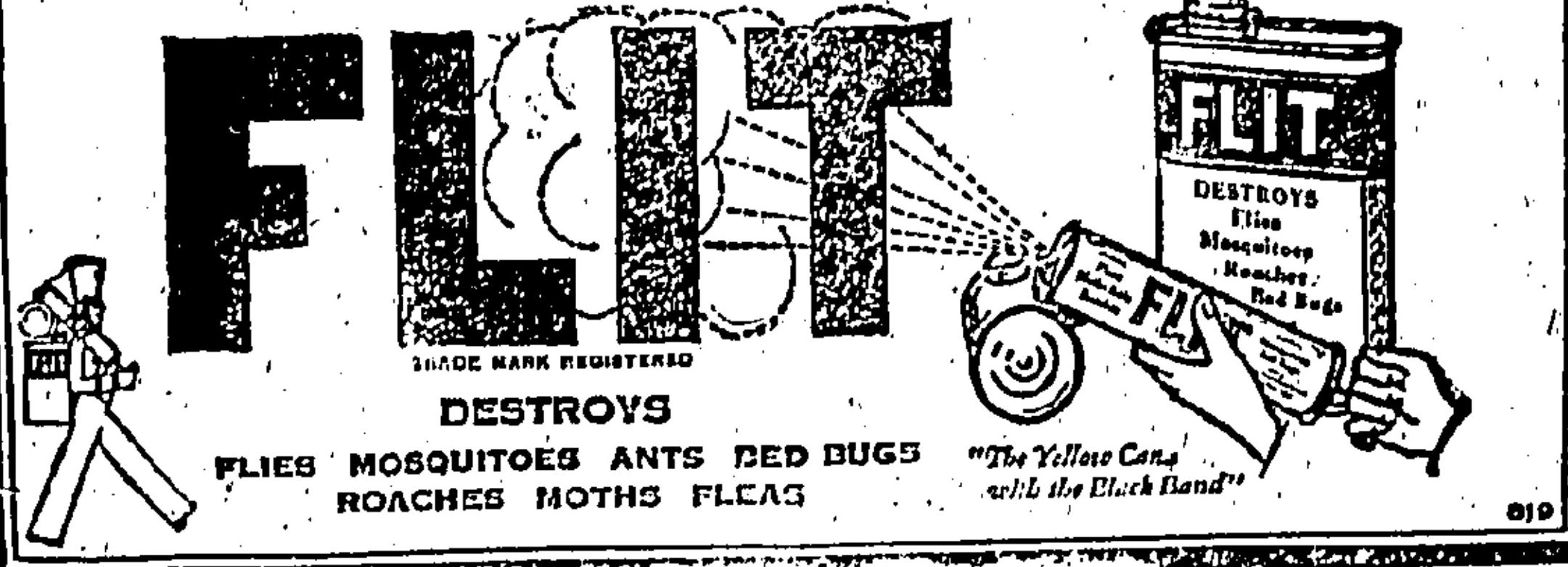
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This was shown at a meeting called by Viscount Hampden, Lord Lieutenant of the County, and Sir Edmund B. Barnard, Chairman of the County Council, and held in the Law Society's Hall, London.

Several hundred men and women attended the gathering—many to address it, and all to vote for a resolution declaring to the nation their common mind, and calling upon the leaders of the three political parties to hold a national conference with the object of agreeing upon measures for the relief of the industry.

Invitations to attend were broadcast to "any inhabitants of the country interested in agriculture."

The resolution, which was passed without a dissenting voice, drew attention to the "deplorable" condition of the industry caused by influences outside its control, and declared that the projects are becoming so serious that unless remedied they must lead agriculture to disaster and the entire nation to heavy loss.

"This Conference," the resolution continued, "believing that a permanent settlement of the question can only be obtained on national lines, would welcome a conference between the great political parties, and expresses the hope that such a national conference will be arranged with that end in view."

On National Lines.

Lord Hampden, in his opening address, pleaded at once for moderation in the statement of difficulties confronting the industry, and urged that individual remedies should not be pressed.

"Any remedy must be on national lines," he insisted. "The only body having the power to produce a solution of our problems is Parliament."

"For this reason it is no good, to my mind, for the National Farmers' Union to take the line—as they do—that they will confer with no one but the Government. The Government has not behind it that force of public opinion necessary to urge them to do what they ought to do."

Sir Edmund Barnard, who moved the resolution, spoke of the direct and indirect burden of rates, and taxes—to be but little relieved by the proposal of the Budget, welcome though they were—of the necessity of preserving the countryside, keeping its people at home, and not allowing the plough to rust.

"We can do practically nothing," he added. "But we can make representations, and we want to keep clear of the controversy of political interests."

Captain Morris, who represented the National Farmers' Union, pictured the gravity of the situation in a startling sentence. "It is a modest estimate to say," he declared, "that should a national emergency arise, the land is to-day at least 25 per cent. less able to produce the necessities of life than it was in 1914."

SCIENCE, LETTERS— AND LIBERALISM.

EMINENT MEN AT THE REFORM CLUB.

To what party do eminent men of literature, philosophy and science belong?

This is a question which the Reform Club, which for a hundred years has been a citadel of Liberalism, claims to answer.

Recently Mr. Edward Shortt, K.C., presided at a Reform Club dinner at which there were present Liberals distinguished in science and the fine arts. Sir Herbert Samuel was one of the chief speakers.

So much publicity has been given to the political persuasions of literary giants like Bernard Shaw and Kipling that it is refreshing to find that Liberalism can still claim, as it did during the last century, its proportion of great ones.

Those present included—Literature—Mr. Arnold Bennett, Mr. A. G. Gardner, Mr. Philip Guedalla, Mr. A. E. W. Mason, Mr. A. A. Milne, Dr. Cyril Norwood and Professor Graham Wallas.

Philosophy and Science—Professor Samuel Alexander, Sir William Bragg, Sir Dugald Clerk and Dr. Chalmers Mitchell.

Among those invited, but unable to be present, were Sir Michael Sadler, Sir Henry Newbolt, Sir Anthony Hope Hawkins, Professor G. M. Trevelyan, Professor Gilbert Murray, Mr. Augustine Birrell, Sir Ernest Rutherford and Sir Robert Haldane.

REFLECTIONS IN THE "HAND GLASS."

[A JOURNALISTIC NIGHTMARE.]

When I met Lady Maria Martin at lunch at the Savitz yesterday she told me as a great secret that her corns were troubling her greatly.

Corns are curious things. I should have proposed to Lady Felicity Herling ("Filletty") we used to call her years ago) only I knew they were a family failing. You would not dream from her lovely face that she, like all her family since "Calloosity Charlie" founded the line in 1780, is a martyr to them.

And speaking of corns reminds me that my old friend Merrythought—the Earl of Wishbone, you know—is selling the family carbuncles at Christies next month. It is a great secret, so far, and the news will come as surprise to those not in the swim. I must confess I only heard of it through being at Gallipot House over the week-end and wasn't supposed to be listening.

How hurriedly bored I've been this week. An ineffably dreary dance—I won't particularise too closely—where I shook hands with that funny old Duke with blisters on his knuckles, who has never forgiven my people since my sister refused his son and heir (the one who had to leave the country a little while ago owing to some cliche to do with a signature on a cheque). A dinner in Hertford-street—the house with six stans and disreputable lineage—where my uncle surprised nobody by three palpably intentional revokes in the hideous card-room, which, as I told my hostess, reminded me of a tenth-rate night club. And a hunt-the-slipper do at the flat in Curzon-place, which the revue star of the hour has furnished regardless of cost on the furnish-out-of-somebody-else's-income system.

I should not be surprised to hear that Sir Jimmie and Lady Goo-Goo have made a match of it. They are both bright young things, and I noticed that whichever held the slipper the other always found it. I have here the pictures of three reigning beauties whose one bitterness in their saccharine lives is a turned up nose. I asked Susan Lawnglass if her had "anything to do with the making of the settlement she made on Lawnglass when she married him. She snorted an indignant denial (it's so easy to snort if you're definitely retrossus), and said it was an asset, not a liability, because it came down to her from George the First's Prime Minister, which proved the Bifrons did not come out of the Lloyd George Fund.

Dolly Marchjambe—whom I remember twenty years ago at the Gaiety—having paid a premium to alone for her lack of talent—cooed that her Billy adorned hers; it variegated the dull splendour of an otherwise flawless perfection. Lady Jane confessed to undergoing an operation before the wedding—a chapel on the altar of her devotion to Freddie; but, it is still turned up, and now has also a hump on the bridge.

A funny thing has just happened to me. One of my recent hostesses, whose party I honestly described as being excruciatingly boresome, cut me in Bond-street. As I'm very fond of her brother I explained that of course I didn't mean it, but that I have to write this kind of thing for the "Hand Glass," and having a handle to my name I must use it to draw groans from my journalistic hurdy gurdy. How thin skinned people are getting. Anyone would think there had never been a war.

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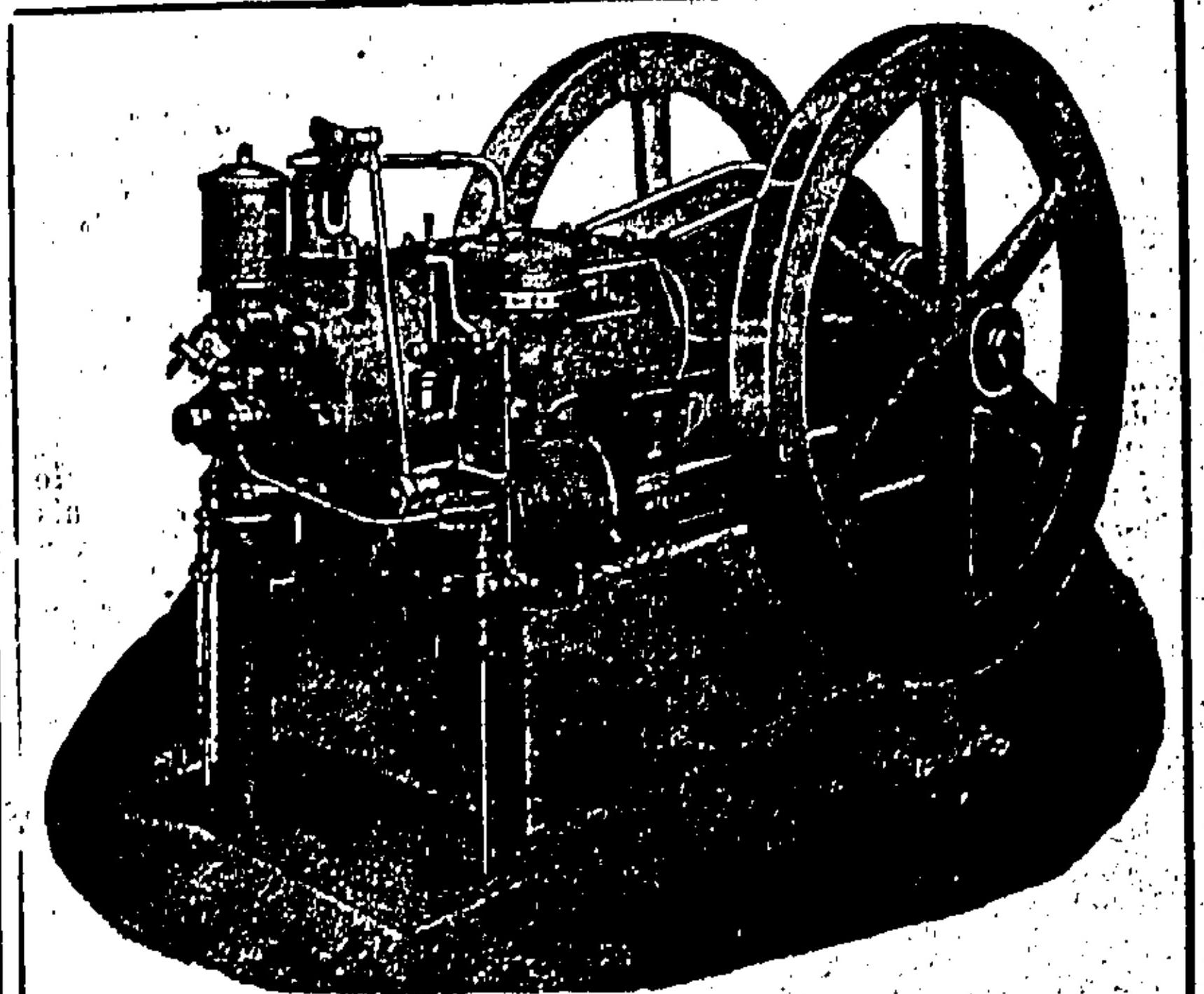
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CHAPTER XXII.

The Amusement is Blayne's.

The six o'clock train from King's Cross on the Oaktree line was, as Blayne had expected but could not possibly avoid, crowded to capacity. Before reaching the station Blayne had stopped at a book-seller's, purchased a slim volume of problems in Theosophy, and he sank into an available seat in a first-class carriage conscious that, the business men who faced him and who sat alongside were scrutinising him in much the same way the white races invariably endeavour superficially to dissect the colour-ed as opportunity offers.

He was telling himself that this was an excellent test, particularly as the man in the far corner by the window with his back to the locomotive was well-known to him as a stockbroker in no mean way of business. Not that Blayne anticipated any recognition. He was confident in the abilities of Burkshaw.

By the time Oaktree was reached, the carriage had partially emptied and Blayne, who had sat throughout the journey with his eyes downcast on his book, arose and reached for his black Trilby hat which he had reverently placed on the rack above him.

Leaving the station, Blayne strolled along the High Street and paused to inquire the way to "Red Gables" from a white-aproned shopkeeper who stood at the door of his shop. He felt that as an emissary from the Sons of Zora in India he would not be expected to know his way about with any degree of certainty.

The man gave him the answer he asked for in sharp, curt tones. It was obvious that the gentleman had rather more white in his eye than black.

Blayne walked leisurely along the road, turned down to the left when he came to the stone cross, and ten minutes later found himself opposite the gates of the mystery house he sought. Here he paused looking up at the massive iron gates with their delightful filigree work. To his surprise they were unlocked, and swinging one section forward he soon found himself on the neglected drive that led to the house among the trees.

What was he going to do in case of emergency, he had not thought out. Blayne believed that should an awkward crisis occur he would trust to circumstances to point a way. In his pocket beneath the long cloak he carried a square white envelope. This was his message to the great Zora from the brethren in India. That letter on no account must be opened by anyone but the great Zora himself.

As he neared the house, Blayne told himself that the Sons of Zora were obviously so numerous that there was little likelihood of his deception being discovered until he had accomplished his purpose. One Hindu was very much like another. That was a comfort.

On the far side of the grounds he noticed a number of small groups of orientals strolling about, many of them immersed in reading. The sight of them raised Blayne's hopes. It certainly looked as if he were going to be lucky. They would not be there unless—unless the great Zora was to appear at a special performance.

The door was slightly ajar as he mounted the steps. He knocked cautiously, and a moment later found himself gazing into the penetrating eyes of Ann Morrison. It was a critical moment, and her keen scrutiny was disconcerting.

Blayne doffed his hat and bowed courteously.

"I have arrived in England from India, Madame," he explained. "I bring a message from the priests for our great Zora. You will take me to him, Madame?"

"This way, if you please," said Mrs. Morrison, and led the way into a room on the ground floor that opened from the spacious hall on the right. "Now," she continued, turning to face him, "what is your name?"

"Rama Dupreji, Madame," answered Blayne politely.

"Have you the message with you?"

"It is here, Madame," Blayne announced, taking the envelope from his pocket.

The woman held out her hand upon which a number of rings glittered.

"I am distressed, Madame, but I fear I am instructed to hand this to our Zora himself. It is so urgent! important! a warning, I think."

A trace of annoyance flashed through the woman's eyes as she saw Blayne replace the letter in his pocket.

"Warning, did you say? How so?"

"I do not know, Madame. I only suspect. But take me to our Zora," he pleaded, earnestly.

They would have done so had he not turned to look in front of him. An exclamation burst from his lips. On the other side of the little road that zig-zagged its way at right angles to the incline he saw the house where Montgomery Gaynor had lived, but it was not that so much as a faint flicker of light that came from one of the lower rooms, that aroused his interest and quickened his pulses.

Blayne acted swiftly. On the far side of the field ran an ill-kept hawthorn hedge. In a moment, heedless whether his pursuer saw him or not, he was sprinting towards it at an amazing speed.

He gained its shelter just in time to see a man's head like a little black crotchet poised on the slope of the skyline.

"That puts you out of the running, old son," mused Blayne, as he crept down towards the road, hugging the shadows.

An estate agent's sign greeted him as he faced the house that had once belonged to the diamond merchant. Blayne knew that Sonia and her mother had left ten days ago, therefore the light in the lower room intrigued him. He felt safe, now, from spying eyes, and, opening the gate, crept cautiously through the rose garden towards the house.

The light was plainer, now, and as he reached the shadow of the house on the angle close to the garage, he noticed that a linen blind was drawn down over the window, but creeping nearer, he saw that there was just a tiny margin between the bottom of the blind and the window frame. It was the light shining through that had attracted his attention up on the hill.

He was close beneath it and, standing on tiptoe, his eyes just came to the level of the aperture. Then he felt himself trembling with a sudden excitement.

In that bare room stood Sonia Gaynor helping to apply the same colour as his own to the pale features of Osbert Dwyer, who stood before her robed something similar to himself in a long cloak with a brilliant scarlet lining, while on the floor at his feet was a virgin white turban cloth awaiting the girl's deft fingers.

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At "Red Gables" a short distance away they were awaiting the coming of the great Zora.

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LETTER-GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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London had six thousand more licensed dogs in 1927 than in the previous year. The L.C.C. Public Control Committee suggest that the increase is due to dog-racing. The number licensed was 251,772, yielding a revenue of £94,415.

Once out of sight of the house he moved more briskly, bearing to the right. Crossing the path he kept straight on until he came to the far edge of the estate. He paused and looked back over his shoulder. A shadow moved ever so slightly under the trees.

Through an opening in the tall hedge he glimpsed the ground rising up on the other side of the road. It was farm land and more open. Once up there his pursuer dare not follow without revealing himself. So Blayne climbed a gate and into the road. Another gate negated in the same way found him in a field of newly sown clover that rose gently to the crest of the high ground above. Once up here he felt safe. It was a pleasant game.

Reaching the top he paused as though intently admiring the landscape, for the sun had set in a blaze of fire, and the purple shadows were beginning to creep over the grass. But there was no sign of the nefarious person who had been set to follow him.

Still going forward until his head disappeared over the skyline, Blayne halted, and throwing himself flat on his stomach, crawled back again to the crest.

Using a small knoll as a protection, he glanced downwards. A shadowy form was profligating like a panther up the slope.

Blayne's first thought was to remain there until the man's head appeared above him, and he certain-

NANKING BID FOR RECOGNITION.

EIGHT LEGATIONS HOIST NATIONALIST FLAG.

CHIANG AND PEKING.

Shanghai, June 20. Having received instructions from the Nationalist Foreign Office, eight Chinese Ministers abroad have wired to Nanking reporting that they have hoisted the Nationalist flag over their buildings.—*Nam Chung Pao*.

Marshal Yen Better,

Shanghai, June 20. A message from Peking states that Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, who was recently reported to be indisposed, has not yet fully recovered, though his condition is better.

Marshal Yen, accompanied by General Pei Chung-hsi, has paid a visit to Peihai Park, and the latter has returned. Marshal Yen, however, remains at the Park.—*Nam Chung Pao*.

Chiang For Peking.

Shanghai, June 19. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is contemplating leaving Nanking to-day, Wednesday, for Hsichow-fu en route to Honan, where he will meet and confer with Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang. After the conference, the two Marshals will leave for Peking to take part in the coming conference.

A special representative of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang arrived in Peking on Sunday evening and informed Marshal Yen Hsi-shan that the "Christian General" will come to Peking in about one week's time.

Yen Wants \$1,000,000.

Shanghai, June 19. Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, is stated to have wired to the Nanking authority demanding a sum of \$1,000,000 to be dispatched to Peking for the maintenance of his Shanxi troops.

The Nanking leaders are said to have instructed the Finance Ministry to send the money to Marshal Yen.

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HAIG MEMORIAL HOMES.

HONGKONG DONATIONS WOULD BE WELCOMED

Mr. A. Murdoch, the Chairman of the Hongkong branch of the British Legion, writes informing us that the appeal department of the Legion has been placed at the disposal of the Trustees of The Douglas Haig Memorial Homes with a view to raising the sum of £500,000 to be used in erecting throughout Great Britain a series of Homes for disabled and necessitous ex-Service men, their dependants, and the widows and children of the fallen.

The scheme is under the patronage of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Trustees are Lt. Col. G. R. Croxford (representing H.R.H. the Prince), Maj. General Sir Robert Hutchinson (representing the Leader of the Liberal party), Viscount Lee of Rarem (representing the Prime Minister), and the Rt. Hon. Stephen Walsh (representing the Leader of the Labour party). General the Hon. Sir Herbert Lawrence is the Hon. Treasurer.

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During the last ten years of Lord Haig's life, his energies were devoted entirely to the interests of ex-Service men and no form of National Memorial could be more appropriate than that which has been decided upon.

Although no direct Overseas appeal is being made, the object is such a worthy one that the Committee of the local branch of the British Legion consider that many would like to contribute, and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. Brackenridge, c/o Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., would be pleased to acknowledge any sum, however small, that may be sent to him.

The total amount collected will be remitted as a contribution from Hongkong and communicated to the Press.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:

1. The herd of Aberdeen-Angus black cattle founded sixty years ago by Queen Victoria. 2. Waterfall, 1,228 feet high, in the Lake District, Cumbria, above of Ulverwater, 4,240,000, according to a statement by an official of the Radom Institute. 3. King Tahsin, the only King of Thailand, who has been deposed by the French Mission at Deli-Medina. 4. Herne the Hunter has been identified with the Celtic god Cerunnos, who is also known as Belenos. 5. The turn back of the Roman legions from Britain after their invasion of Gaul. 6. China has her "cheap men," or "fishermen of the Nine Families," and Japan has her "mushin," who are called Wilson's Music Hall, now a mission house.

10. Fifth Avenue, New York, a twelve-story building of flats, of which every door is fitted with a rifle slot. 11. The whalebone hypothesis being used by the Science College of Calcutta. 12. Because it is illegal to do police duty in every town and village.

Shanghai, June 20. In connexion with the inauguration of Dr. C. T. Wang to the office of Nationalist Foreign Minister it is reported from Nanking that the Diplomatic Corps in Peking, with the exception of the Mexican Ministry, have wired to Nanking congratulating Dr. Wang on the appointment.—*Nam Chung Pao*.

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It is officially announced that a new Chancellor of the Chung Hua Chinese University in Peking has been appointed in the person of Mr. Li Shih-tseng, former chief of propaganda department of the Kuominchun First Army and a Kuomintang Central Committee member.

The Chung Hua is the new name for the famous Peking University, as by an edict of the Nanking Government issued two days ago the University was required to change its designation. The same edict also announced the appointment of the new Chancellor.

Back From Russia.

Shanghai, June 19. A son and three daughters of

the "Christian General" are stated to have arrived here on Monday from Russia. It is said that they were accompanied by ten friends.

Transference of Capital.

London, June 19.

The Times, in an editorial, expresses the opinion that there are strong economic and sentimental reasons for the transference of the capital to Nanking, which is also less exposed to foreign attack than Peking, but considers that the situation in Manchuria and Mongolia militates against the change. South Manchuria being the object of official Japanese interest and Outer Mongolia having become to all intents a Soviet protectorate, and one of the channels of Communist penetration.

The Times wonders whether the transfer may not lead to a dangerous loss of central control over the vulnerable marches of North China.—*Reuter*.

Postal Directorate.

Shanghai, June 19.

The North China Daily News says that apparently it has been decided that it is unfeasible at present to install the Directorate-General of Posts in Nanking, therefore the headquarters are removing from Peking to Shanghai for the time being.—*Reuter*.

Shanghai, June 19.

Reports from Nanking state that Chiang Kai-shek has announced his willingness to go to Peking as the representative of the Kuomintang to pay homage to the casket of Sun Yat-sen. The generalissimo suggests the removal of the casket to Nanking before the convocation of the third National Congress of the Kuomintang.—*Reuter*.

Delegate Arrives.

Shanghai, June 19.

According to the Kuo Min News Agency Li Hsin-shan, representing Chang Hsueh-liang, Yang Yu-tung and Han Lin-chun arrived in Tientsin this morning from Mukden to start negotiations with the Nationalist authorities for the surrender of the Fengtien forces and the Three Eastern Provinces.

Shanghai, June 19.

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MACAO COMMERCIAL FAIR.

NEW MARKETS FOR SOUTH CHINA PRODUCTS.

Macao, June 18. In the coming autumn there is to take place at Macao, under the auspices of the Macao Holy Institute of Mercy, the oldest institute of its kind in the world, a Charity and Commercial Fair. The objects of the Fair are to gather the products of South China and thus create new markets, and display equipment that may be useful in the development of the region. The Fair numbers among its objects the drawing of people together to create a spirit of fellowship, and at attracting notice to the charitable services of Macao.

The Fair is to be conducted on a large scale and a number of committees have been nominated to carry on the work, and in many parts of the East local committees have been formed to create interest in the Fair and secure co-operation from as many as possible.

The promoters call the attention of merchants to this opportunity to display their wares to the very rapidly reviving market of South China, and it is believed that application for space for pavilions have already been received from many parts of the East.—Macao Bureau of Information and Publicity.

FRENCH FINANCE.

FRANC STABILISATION LEGISLATION.

Paris, June 19. The Government have decided to submit to Parliament on the 23rd legislation for the stabilisation of the franc. The Cabinet have decided that with a view to circumventing speculation that the final text of its proposals and the rate of stabilisation should only be fixed at the last moment, after the foreign exchanges have all closed. It is believed that the Government will request both the Chamber and the Senate to remain in session uninterruptedly until the Bill is voted.—Reuter.

Paris, June 19. The Cabinet will decide on Saturday afternoon the rate for the stabilisation of the franc. Parliament will discuss the project the same night.—Havas.

OIL DISCOVERY.

DEPOSIT LOCATED IN SOUTH BELGIUM.

Brussels, June 19. It is reported that petroleum wells have been discovered in Houdeng Almeries in Hainault province. The first sounding to a depth of 100 feet has yielded oozings of decided petrolierous characteristics.—Reuter.

[Houdeng Almeries lies in the greatest coal producing area of the province of Hainault, in the vicinity of Charleroi, southern Belgium. The apparent presence of petroleum in this region was reported some years before the war but no effort has been made up to recently to carry on well defined investigations.]

TRAINED PICKPOCKETS

MAN AND BOY CHARGED AT MAGISTRACY.

Major C. Willson yesterday afternoon convicted two Chinese, one a boy of fourteen and the other a man of twenty-six, who were charged in connexion with the theft of a purse containing \$1.20 Chinese currency, a pair of lenses and two five cent receipt stamps.

Evidence was given by the prosecution to show that the younger of the two defendants made two attempts to steal the purse, succeeding only after the second attempt. He then hurriedly passed over the body to the older defendant. All this was observed by a Chinese district watchman, who lost no time in arresting them.

The two were next handed over to another district watchman who happened to be nearby. A brief search by the watchman who made the arrest resulted in his locating the victim of the theft.

His Worship imposed sentence of three months' hard labour on the elder defendant, whilst sentence on the youth was held over until to-day.

In addition to the theft, the lad, who had previous conviction against him for the same type of offence, was charged with being in unlawful possession of \$80 in Canton currency, which the police suspect, is stolen money. The notes were found hidden in the sleeve of a singlet which the defendant was wearing at the time of his arrest. The youth claimed that the money had been given him by relatives in Canton to take to his native country and that he was on his way when he was arrested.

RASH PETITIONER.

APPROACHES EMPEROR OF JAPAN WITH PROTEST.

Tokyo, June 19.

While the Emperor was proceeding to visit the grave of the infant Princess, a middleman, apparently mentally unbalanced, ran towards the Imperial car in an attempt to present a petition, complaining against the authorities having banned the sale of a certain patent medicine, allegedly effective in curing consumption and other diseases. The man was arrested before reaching his objective.—Reuter.

HANKOW-PEKING RAILWAY SERVICE.

FIRST TRAIN LEAVES.

Shanghai, June 19. According to the Kuo Min news agency the Hankow express train, the first on the Kinhan line since the suspension of the service due to hostilities, left Hankow for Peking yesterday. The first train from Peking will arrive at Hankow on the 25th.—Reuter.

TRAGEDY AT TRIAL.

PLAINTIFF SHOOTS AND KILLS EDITOR.

Vienna, June 19. During the hearing of the libel action brought by Herr Oscar Poell, ex-editor of the *Neue Wiener Journal* against Herr Bruno Wolf, the present editor, Herr Poell fired three at Herr Wolf, killing him.—Reuter.

THE "PRINCESS XENIA."

NEW ENGINE TO BE INSTALLED.

Bushire, June 19.

The engine of the "Princess Xenia" has been found to be partially seized up and a new engine will be necessary before the flight can be resumed.—Reuter.

The "Princess Xenia" arrived at Bushire on the 12th and took off again the next day but was compelled to return immediately when engine trouble developed. A message dated the 10th described the flight as follows: "The aeroplane 'Princess Xenia' piloted by Captain C. D. Barnard, and flying officer E. H. Allott, with the Duchess of Bedford as a passenger and carrying a large cargo including a film from the Derby, started on a flight from Lympne to India at 4.30 this morning. The 'Princess Xenia' is the machine in which Captain McIntosh and Colonel Fitzmaurice attempted to cross the Atlantic last year and McIntosh and Bert Hinkler made a non-stop flight to Poland. The present flight is being made in four hops, Sofia, Aleppo, Bushire and Karachi, with the view to demonstrating the practicability of an eight day flight to India and back. The cargo has a weight of 2½ tons and is the first British air cargo to India. It consists particularly of food, cigarettes and the Derby film and is intended for Karachi.

CRITICISM TABOO.

THREATS TO SUPPRESS SPANISH PAPERS.

Madrid, June 19.

A decree has been issued forbidding all political discussion or propaganda by private organisations.

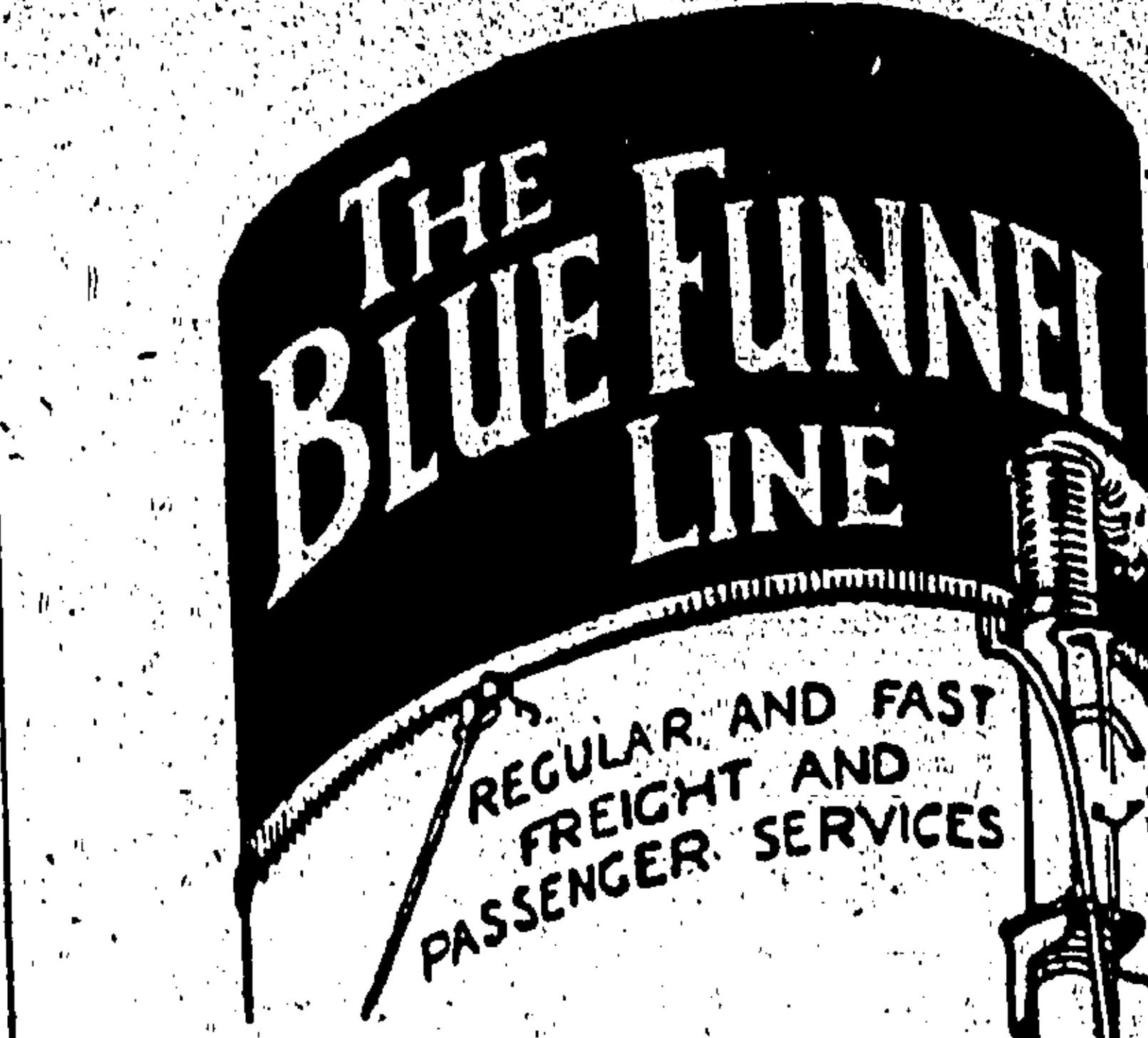
The government has threatened to suppress all newspapers opposing the Spanish petroleum monopoly.—Reuter.

[The petroleum monopoly has been in force since January 1. On February 1, the Government issued a statement to the effect that, in order to safeguard the interests of the Spanish Treasury and consumers, the Government had nationalised and monopolised the trade, which had been, bringing in, for foreigners engaged in it, in Spain, fabulous profits without risk or labour. Petrol supplies have previously been run by the Shell Standard Oil and a Russian oil company. Now, a new National Company has been formed, in which none of these three is represented, but a sum has been ear-marked to compensate the dispossessed.

A message dated March 27 stated that the Cabinet had adopted the report of the commission charged with valuing the petroleum refineries belonging to the Standard Oil taken over by the Government monopoly, which the valuers assess at twenty million pesetas. The Standard Oil's request for compensation for ending their trade was rejected.]

Singapore, June 19.

The Planters Association of Malaya have decided not to urge further releases of rubber.—Reuter.

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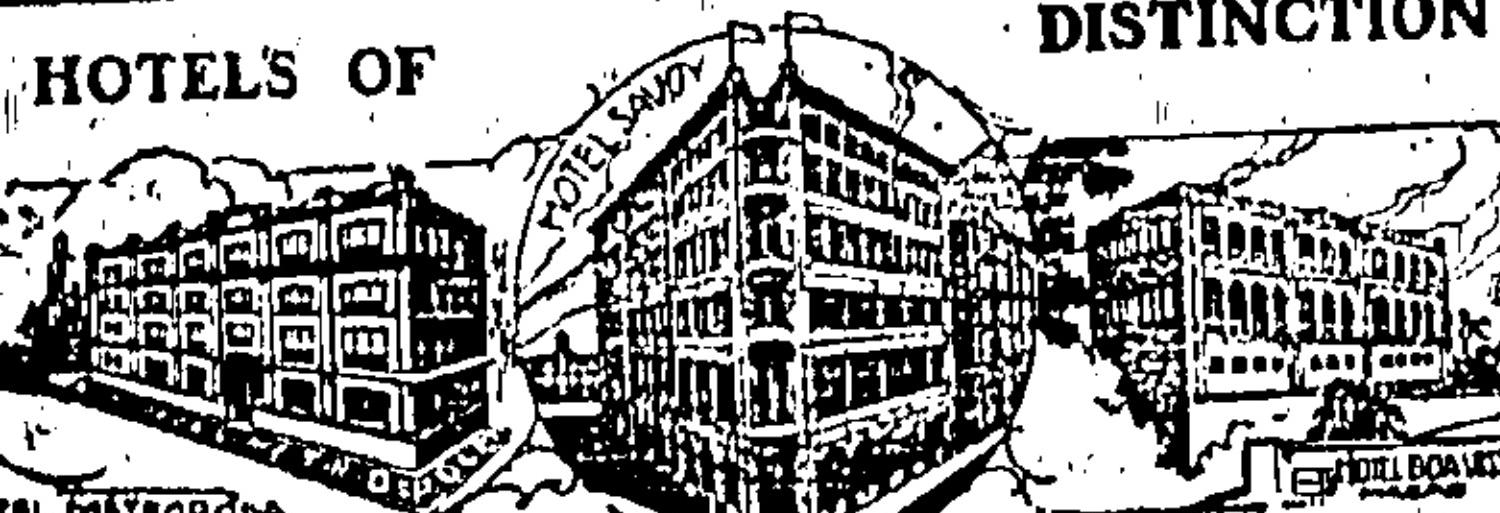
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(Continued from Page 1.)

interference by various Chinese military forces distributed throughout the Yangtsze Valley, one of the chief dangers being the apparent irresponsible firing on shipping by Chinese Yorks commanding certain reaches and bays of the river.

As regards other branches of the Yangtsze service, our agency at Changsha, Ichang and Chungking had to be abandoned early in the year, all trade being at a standstill, and the conditions prevailing making evacuation of foreigners imperative.

It was not until September that, with naval assistance, we were enabled to resume our Changsha service, while during the following month, acting on the recommendation of a British Trade Commission which had investigated conditions existing at twenty ports on the middle and upper river, we despatched the Kingwo from Shanghai to Chungking, and from such time she continued on her usual run, between Ichang and Chungking, with varying results.

Incredible Conditions.

It is quite impossible in the confines of a speech of this nature to convey adequately the almost incredible conditions of shipping trade which have prevailed, and in a great measure are still prevailing, on the upper and middle Yangtsze, more especially the former.

The position is somewhat cogently summed up by a writer of a recent article in the press, in which he says:—"While shipping conditions between here and Hankow are virtually normal again, the position still obtaining in the territory of the Upper Yangtsze can only be described as appalling. The area between Ichang and Wanhsien is infested with pirates and bandits, and the system, if it can be called a system, of taxation evolved by the authorities in charge of the numerous ports is iniquitous. Indeed, it would appear that these authorities spend most of their time inventing new and irregular taxes."

Owing to the strong anti-foreign feeling in existence on the Upper Yangtsze as far up as Wanhsien, the Company's prospects in this area are decidedly obscure and a continual source of anxiety to your Directors and General Managers, but it is the policy of the Company to endeavour to continue its efforts in renewing old and friendly connections and in no way to appear antagonistic to their susceptibilities and difficulties.

Floating Staff Risks.

You will have gathered therefore, gentlemen, that while the management of the river portion of the carrying trade has been fraught with considerable difficulties, the financial result nevertheless shows a satisfactory return for reasons already mentioned, and I take this opportunity of thanking the members of the floating staff for their good services during a state of affairs involving very considerable personal risk. In their annual report, the Shanghai General Managers, who were in close touch with the situation, say:—"Special mention must be made of the praiseworthy manner in which the Company's floating staff serving on the Yangtsze carried out their duties under exceptionally trying conditions during the first half of the year. Our vessels scarcely performed a trip during that period without being fired upon by both machine gun and rifle fire and the personal risk involved was by no means slight. Our thanks are due in the first place to H. M. Navy for their very valuable assistance and protection afforded in providing gunboats and convoys and in no slight measure to the marked devotion which was cheerfully and willingly shown by all ranks in the Company's service during the anxious time under review, and which enabled the Company to operate its vessels and render valuable help to both the Chinese and foreign population of the Yangtsze Valley at a time of great emergency." These views I heartily endorse, and would add that the Company is also mindful of the valuable work performed by those in charge of bulks and shore appointments.

Shanghai Unrest.

The following foregoing remarks deal entirely with the Yangtsze situation which, however, was also naturally affected by the tense situation existing in Shanghai during March, as a result of the Southern Nationalist forces arriving outside the settlement. A period of anxious uncertainty ensued, but notwithstanding the efforts of certain Chinese Labour Unions to incite trouble by enforcing a general strike, including Chinese seamen, this misguided movement, possessing distinctly unpleasant features, was, by the joint action of the foreign and Chinese Authorities, in quietly ignoring unreasonable and uneconomic demands or those involving political issues, promptly and ably

suppressed to the undoubted relief of residents of all nationalities, including Chinese.

While all attention was being focussed on the critical happenings in the north, southern trade pursued the even tenor of its way and there are no outstanding features to record other than those set out in the report.

Canton Satisfaction.

Canton, with the exception of one violent political outbreak in December, seemed to have resigned itself to the task of meeting the ever-changing conditions of local politics and commerce, as circumstances best allowed. While the trading difficulties to be overcome by Chinese merchants throughout the year must have been considerable, I think one would not be unreasonably optimistic in saying that there now seems a somewhat better atmosphere, although the volume of general business is still very far below normal. So far as this Company is concerned its activities at Canton are more or less confined to the reception into godowns of shipments from Yangtsze ports, Tsingtao, Chefoo and Tientsin, and in this respect the flow of import cargo and deliveries from godowns has been satisfactory.

Our China Coasting Service and the Borneo Line have shown improving results and unless something unforeseen occurs the outlook may be regarded as hopeful. The Calcutta Line has operated steadily throughout the year, although it is to be regretted that opposition seems to spring up in the most unexpected quarters and it is difficult to maintain a remunerative scale of rates, on all sections of the route.

As mentioned in the report, the Laihang, a useful unit of the fleet for some 27 years, was last February disposed of for breaking up purposes, at a figure showing a satisfactory profit on her book value. She is being temporarily replaced on the line by the "Yuensang" and "Suisang."

Two Boats Pirated.

It is satisfactory to report that no serious casualty has occurred during the year, although from the report you will have learned that both the "Hopsang" and "Yatshing" were subjected to pirated attack whilst in Southern Chinese Waters, being forcibly taken to the notorious pirate stronghold, Bias Bay. In the case of the vessels in question, the Company only suffered to a very minor extent and there were fortunately no casualties of any sort to passengers or crew. Unfortunately, however, steamers of other Companies pirated during the year did not come off so lightly and I can only hope that the somewhat vague reports to the effect that the Chinese Authorities are engaged in taking active measures in coping with, and eradicating, this really unnecessary evil in the vicinity of Bias Bay and elsewhere, are substantially correct.

The whole question of piracy in China waters is exceedingly complicated, but as has often been said, a determined effort on the part of our Chinese friends at Canton would solve the outstanding difficulty of the problem.

Last year at the annual general meeting you were given the assurance that the most rigid economy consistent with efficiency of the fleet would be practiced and this I can conscientiously say has been carried out. Amongst other things we are at present investigating a new system of insurance for covering the fleet next year, by which it is hoped a considerable cash saving may be effected, the scheme at the moment, however, is merely in its preliminary stages.

Unfair Competition.

Unfortunately, some of our steamers are of advanced age, so that the cost of repairs and an increasing factor. In this connection I would venture to touch upon what is considered a somewhat important matter to British shipping. While not wishing in any way to shirk our obligations in complying with Board of Trade requirements in respect of Surveys, it might be opportune to suggest in the interests of a very depressed trade, that those in authority be as moderate as possible in their demands.

My justification for such remarks lies in the fact that vessels under flags of many countries are keen competitors in Far Eastern trades and that while those under the British Ensign are compelled by law (in order to obtain necessary certificates to enter and clear from British ports) to comply with the high standard of up-keep set by the Board of Trade, vessels of other nations, many of which are undoubtedly far below Board of Trade standard as regards condition and sea-worthiness, enter and clear from this port with impunity thus obtaining equal benefits with British tonnage at greatly reduced operating costs.

Admittedly, the subject is very wide and far-reaching, being cover-

ed by International Law. I believe, however, that this very important matter has already been discussed both locally and in other quarters and I hope therefore that the present unsatisfactory conditions are exercising the attention of the proper authorities.

The reason, I might add, that the anomaly has suddenly become more pronounced is, in the first place, that the Board of Trade have for some time past been tightening up and extending the scope of their regulations, thus calling for considerably enhanced outlay on the part of British shipowners. In the second place, the number of vessels in local waters under alien flags has very much increased, probably as one of the results of the boycott of 1926.

During the year no new tonnage has been acquired, but tugs and lighters have been constructed, only requiring to meet our essential requirements in the way of feeder-craft at Yangtze ports.

Future Hopes.

I have no doubt, gentlemen, that as regards the future you fully recognize the utility of expressing any views, as the prosperity or otherwise of this Company, in common with many others, is governed to a very great extent by the march of events in China. During the past few years we have gone through a veritable vortex of political changes each having its particular effect upon commercial trading centres throughout China. Whether the sensational developments of the last few months in the North may be regarded as the forerunner of a more settled and contented country we have yet to learn, so that my remarks as regards our prospects for this year must be limited to an expression of hope for the early return of normal commercial prosperity.

The Calcutta Line has operated steadily throughout the year, although it is to be regretted that opposition seems to spring up in the most unexpected quarters and it is difficult to maintain a remunerative scale of rates, on all sections of the route.

Before dealing with the accounts,

I should like, in addition to what has already been said regarding the staff on the Yangtsze, to record the Company's appreciation of the good work performed by its employees generally, both afloat and on shore. It has been a year bristling with complex situations and we as General Managers, speaking for all ports where we are established, also much appreciate the loyal support afforded us.

The Accounts.

Turning to the statement of accounts it will be seen that after providing for depreciation, all liabilities, outgoings, and after transferring £47,000 from Contingency Account to Revenue Account there remains a balance of £742 13s. 6d. which it is proposed to carry forward to next year. We have also transferred £10,000 from Contingency Account to Special Repairs and Renewals Account, to meet extraordinary expenditure in connexion with special work over and above that called for by customary overhauls including the conversion of certain vessels from oil to coal. I trust the transfers mentioned have your approval.

The other items of our accounts call for no special comment but it will be seen that Contingency Account is of course reduced the equivalent of the transfers just referred to. The amount of freight outstanding at the end of the year has all been collected. Your Directors regret that in the present financial position of the Company that they are unable to recommend the payment of a dividend.

I now beg to propose the following resolution:—

"That the report and statement of accounts as presented be adopted including the transfer of £47,000 and £10,000 from Contingency Account to Revenue Account respectively, and that the sum of £742 13s. 6d. be carried forward to next year."

As soon as this resolution has been acceded I shall be pleased to reply to the best of my ability to any questions shareholders may wish to ask.

This was seconded by the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie and was carried.

Business Matters.

The appointment of the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie as a Director of the Company in place of Mr. L. J. Davies was confirmed on the proposal of Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, seconded by Mr. Ho Leung.

Sir Robert Ho Tung was re-elected a Director on the proposal of Mr. A. Piercy, seconded by Mr. W. B. Cornaby.

Mr. A. B. Stewart proposed and Mr. A. Murdoch seconded that Mr. John Fleming and Mr. A. Ritchie be elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of £5,000. The proposition was carried.

The Chairman was supported by Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, Mr. A. H. White, Mr. M. H. Turner (solicitor for the Company), and Mr. R. Sutherland. Shareholders present were Messrs. A. B. Stewart, A. Murdoch, A. Piercy, N. L. H. Ralton, P. Tod, A. M. da Silva, Ho Leung, Ho Tang-ying, Lo Man-bin, Ho Shal-kit and Chan Wing.

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